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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Peking Commits Itself

ALTHOUGH accorded nothing like the same share of publicity as that which accompanied Mr Chou En-lai's tour of Eastern Europe and Asia, the two-month junket of Mr Peng Chen, Secretary of the Peking Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, was in some way equally as significant as Mr Chou's.

Obviously it was no pleasure trip. Peng Chen wanted to make contact with the governments of East Europe and he did so, managing to visit Russia, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania and Yugoslavia. He was a political explorer.

But anybody who hoped that Chinese Communism would be more "liberal" than the Russian brand must have been completely disillusioned when Peng Chen delivered his public speeches. At all time he hammered home three points: he said "uncompromisingly the Soviet Union is the head of the Socialist camp;" that the bonds between the Communist countries must be tightened, not relaxed; that China gave unqualified support to the Soviet policy in Hungary.

THIS was blunt enough to put an end to the belief which had grown up that secretly China was supporting the satellite countries in their struggle to become less dependent on Russia. Obviously therefore the visit by Peng Chen and Chou En-lai was of great service to the Russians and to satellite Communist leaders. It reinforced their self-confidence.

It is true that Peng Chen's tour may not have been quite all that it seemed. It had other interests besides the published ones. He laid particular importance on his visit to Yugoslavia, and he can hardly have expressed to Marshal Tito any fervent loyalty by China to Russia. Such sentiments would not have been welcomed by the Yugoslav leader; moreover the Chinese Communists wish to have a foot in both camps—the Titoist one as well as in Moscow.

The question which immediately poses itself is why are the Chinese so firmly supporting Russia even at the cost of losing credit by associating themselves so blatantly with the great wrong the Soviet Union has done in Hungary? The answer appears to be that China needs Russia economically.

CHINA'S development plans are still only at their first stage. Peking relies on Moscow for capital equipment to carry out its programme. Until this is far more advanced China cannot hope to have anything like an independent policy. China depends on the Russian economy, and at the same time the Russian economy depends on exploitation of East European satellites. Wherefore in order that factories should continue to rise in Manchuria it is necessary in Peking's view that the workers of Poznan and of Budapest should be under firm Soviet discipline.

Another reason for Peking approval of what Russia has done in Hungary presents itself. Freedom is contagious. The people of Hungary tried to overthrow the dictatorship of the Communist Party; and if they had succeeded other peoples elsewhere would have tried to overthrow their own Communist dictatorships. By striking down the Hungarians, the Russians were trying to deter the movement for freedom everywhere, and the Communist Party chiefs in most parts of the world were grateful — understandably so.

BREAK IN MID-EAST CRISIS BELIEVED IN SIGHT

Growing Optimism At United Nations

New York, Feb. 25.

Mr Abba Eban, Israeli permanent representative, conferred at length today with Mr Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations Secretary-General against a background of growing optimism that a break was in sight in the four-month-long Middle East crisis.

Mr Eban, who returned yesterday with new instructions from a flying visit to Israel, had not had a face-to-face meeting with Mr Hammarskjold since early this month.

FRANCO'S NEW CABINET

Madrid, Feb. 25.

General Franco, the Spanish Head of State, tonight announced a new Cabinet with himself retaining the post of Prime Minister. Senior Gual Villalba, a leading economist, was appointed Minister without portfolio and President of the Council of National Economy.

This is a new key post, created in an effort to reform the Spanish economy. A new Ministry of Housing has also been created with Senior Jose Luis Arrese (Falange) as minister. The new Foreign Minister is Senior Fernando Maria de Castella (Falangist) who replaces Senior Alberto Martin Arala.

LIBERAL TREND

First reaction by observers here is that Gen. Franco's new Cabinet shows a more liberal trend both politically and economically. Monarchist circles are pleased with the new Cabinet. General Jorge Vigan, the new Minister of Public Works, is a militant monarchist, and various other members of the Cabinet are of monarchist tendencies. Administrative reforms of a liberal character are awaited.—Reuter.

Prominent London Chinese Dies

London, Feb. 25.

An On Ley, 58-year-old Chinese restaurant owner who became a well-known film actor and racehorse owner, died today after a major operation.

He came to London from Canton, China, when he was 14 and established one of London's best-known restaurants in 1926. Ley On, as he was known here, also appeared in 61 films (including "Flame of Love" with Anna May Wong) and owned a number of thoroughbreds. His "Ki Ming" won the 2,000 Guineas classic in 1951.—United Press.

India And The Commonwealth

New Delhi, Feb. 25.

The question of India's relationship with Britain and public demands that Commonwealth connections should be severed will be discussed by the Indian Parliament toward the end of next month, informed sources said today.

They added, however, that full discussion will have to wait until after the general elections and the formation of a new government.—United Press.

FAROUK DENIES DAUGHTER'S ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Rapallo, Feb. 26.

Ex-King Farouk of Egypt "categorically" denied today that his 19-year-old daughter Princess Ferial was engaged to an Arab prince or to anybody else.

"Princess Ferial is in a school in Switzerland and has not the slightest intention of getting married to anyone," Farouk's personal secretary and bodyguard told the United Press by telephone.

It was to this secretary that British press reports attributed a statement made in Cannes to the effect that Princess Ferial was engaged to an Arab prince.

"I categorically deny ever having made such a statement," said the secretary whose name is Ghalib. "This whole question of the Princess's engagement is pure invention and has not the slightest foundation. I am authorized by the King to categorically deny that the Princess is contemplating any engagement at the present time."

Farouk was spending a few days in the Italian Riviera resort on his way from Cannes, where he attended the wedding of Princess Marie-Louise of Bulgaria and Prince Karl Wilhelm of Leiningen last week.—United Press.

Spy Ring Drama

Ex-Film Producer As Key Witness

New York, Feb. 25.

A roly-poly Russian-born movie producer, who won fame with the film "Carnegie Hall," today was named as a key, cloak and dagger figure in an international Soviet spy ring. He will be the government's star witness against three alleged espionage agents.

The mysterious "unnamed" person referred to 14 times in the Federal Court indictment against the three alleged spies was identified by the government as Boris Morros, 60-year-old naturalized American now hiding "somewhere in Europe."

Ready To Return

The government attorney would not disclose whether Morros had been a genuine spy who defected to the West, whether he was an FBI "plant" in the spy ring or whether he was a "double agent," working for both sides.

But Gilchrist said he not only would be the key government witness in the trial of the three, but at the moment Morros was the "only" government witness. The government said it knew where he was residing in Europe but his whereabouts would not be disclosed. Morros is prepared to return to the US at the proper time to testify against Jack Sobie, 53, his wife Myra, 52, and Jacob Albam, 64, Gilchrist said.

The three were arrested here on February 3 on charges of conspiring to commit espionage as members of a free-spending, Moscow-directed international spy ring that has been in operation since one month after Pearl Harbour.

Musical Director

Morros came to the United States in 1922 with the French revue "Chauve Souris" and became a US citizen. For 17 years, until the mid-1940's, he was musical director and later a producer for Paramount Pictures. He produced his biggest success, "Carnegie Hall," in 1946.

Other movies he produced included "The Flying Deuces," "Lysistrata," "Second Chorus" and "Tales of Manhattan."

He was said to have visited the United States last in December.—United Press.

EOKA Men Gave Police The Slip

London, Feb. 25.

Three men from the EOKA Cypriot extremist organization were in Lisbon during Queen Elizabeth II's visit there last week and slipped into Spain when police pressure on them got too hot, a London newspaper said today.

They were allowed to stay in Lisbon but gave their police shadows the slip.—United Press.

Reservist Sentenced

Farnborough, Feb. 25.

Private Brian Hatfield, 25-year-old reservist, was sentenced to 112 days detention today for failing to answer an emergency call-up order during the Suez crisis.

Hatfield testified at his court-martial that he had given up his job to care for his wife, who was suffering from tuberculosis.—United Press.

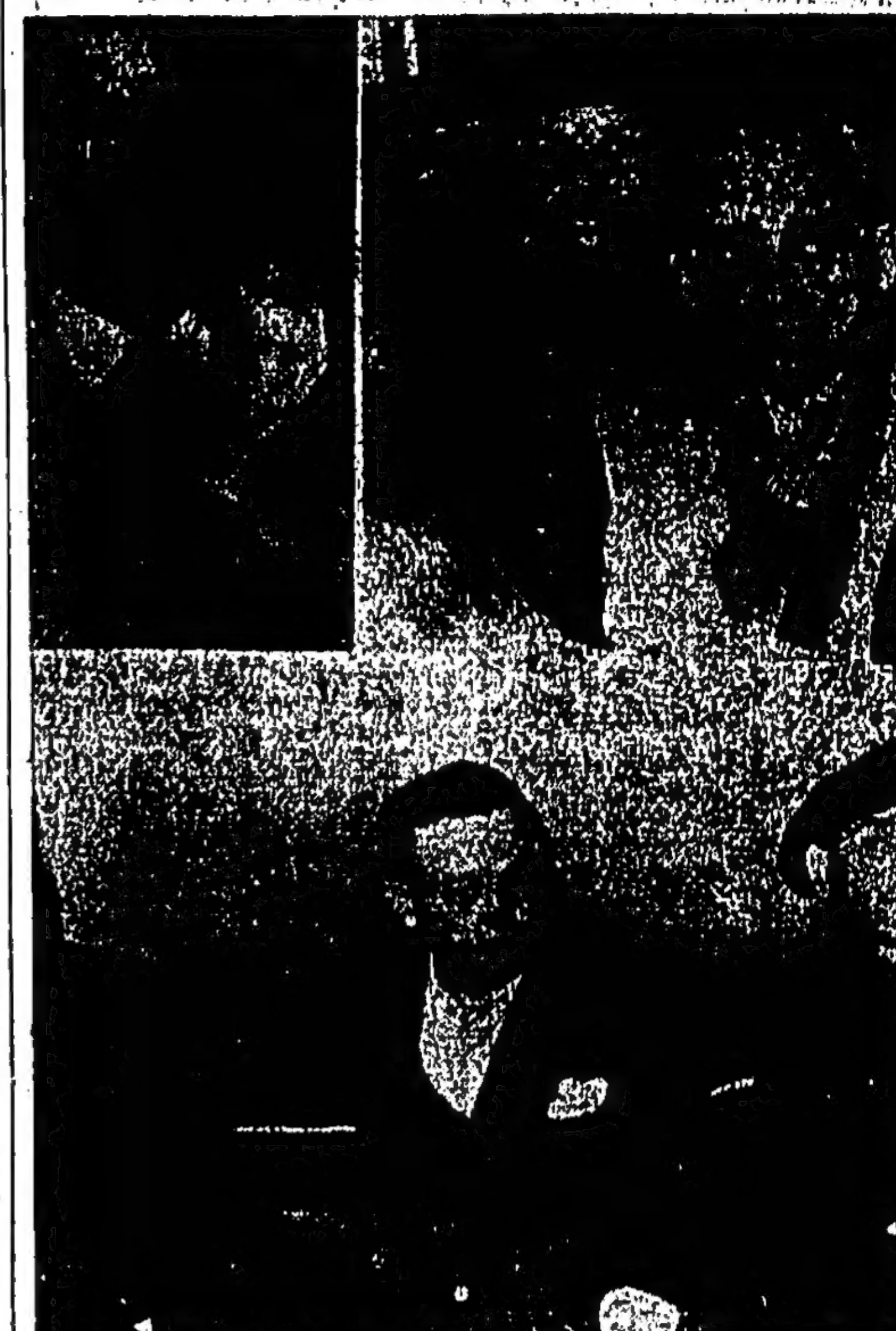
Their Days Over?

London, Feb. 25.

The Earl of Selkirk, Britain's First Lord of the Admiralty, said today that Britain probably would never again use its battleships because the aircraft carrier has become the capital ship of the modern naval fleet.

Lord Selkirk, speaking at a new conference in Plymouth, said that the Admiralty would decide whether on the future of its battleships.—France Press.

ON TRIAL IN CAIRO



An espionage trial, with four Britons among the accused, resumed yesterday in Cairo. Three of the accused are pictured here. Top left shows Brian John Stanley of the Prudential Assurance Company. Top right shows Yugoslavian Colonel Gregorovich. Bottom shows Brian James Swinburn of the Arab News Agency. Prosecution has demanded the death penalty for the accused.—London Express.

Information Services To China Criticised

London, Feb. 25.

Socialist MP George Darling asked the Foreign Secretary in a written parliamentary question today whether he was "aware that British broadcasts and information services to China are inadequate." He further asked whether Mr Selwyn-Lloyd would see that these services were extended and improved "without unnecessary delay."

The reply Mr Darling received was that the Foreign Secretary does not want to anticipate the conclusions of an investigation of all overseas information services now being undertaken by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

In an interview Mr Darling gave his reasons for pressing this question. Earlier this month he asked a similar question and was told that Britain had no information service in China and that the BBC broadcast two special news bulletins in Chinese daily—45 minutes in all.

Mr Darling said he considered the time allotted as totally inadequate and he thought it was not difficult to arrange distribution in China of British literature. Unlike most Communist countries, China would allow literature of this kind into the country—provided it cost them nothing.

Mollet Arrives In Washington

Washington, Feb. 25.

M. Guy Mollet, the French Prime Minister, arrived in Washington today to confer with President Eisenhower on the Middle East and other world problems.—Reuter.

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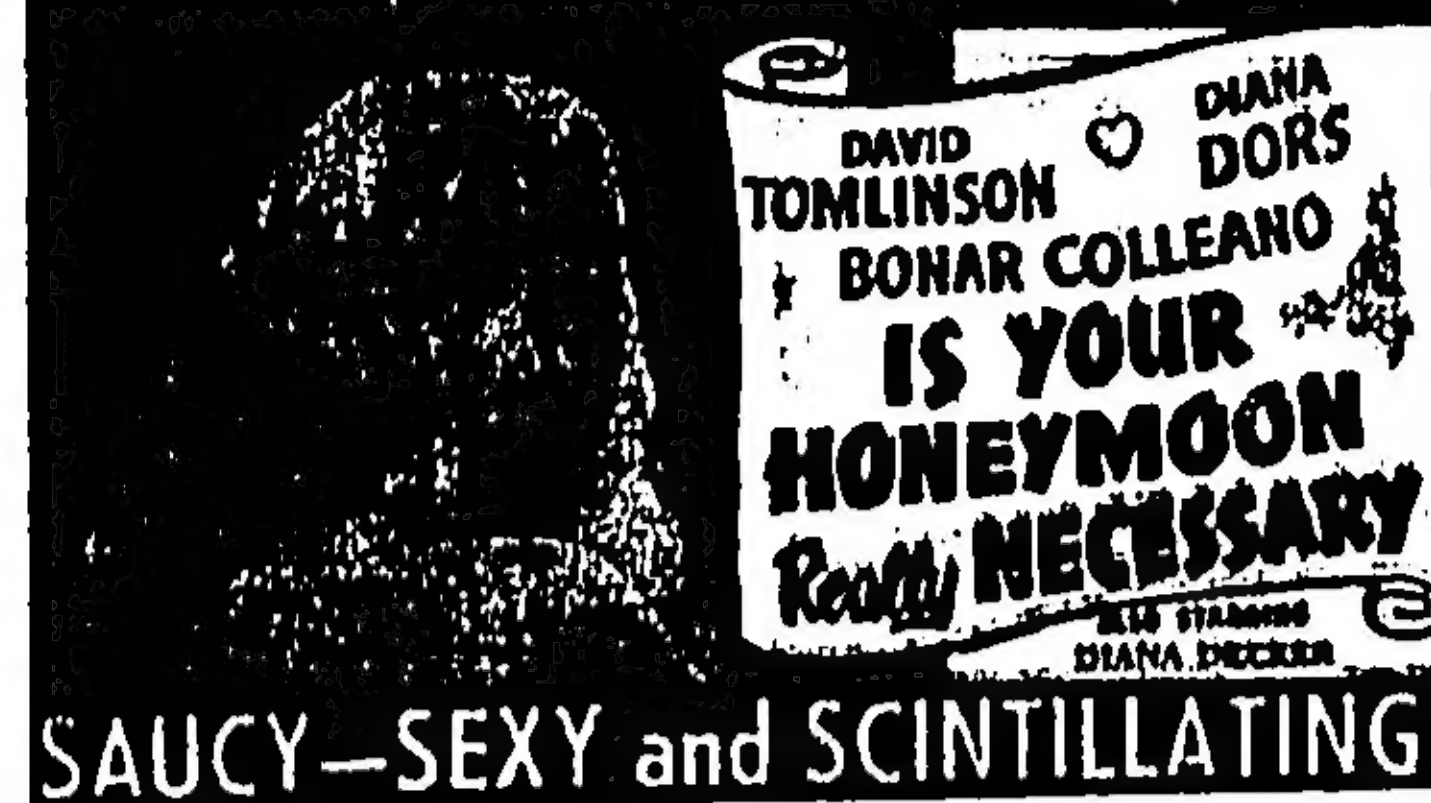
B.O.A.C.'s "Speedbird" is a familiar sight on the world's airfields, and the latest aircraft to bear this famous symbol is the "Whispering Giant" Britannia, the fastest, quietest, most spacious turbo-prop airliner in the world. Flying between London and Johannesburg, it is notable that as with so many Airlines of International repute, B.O.A.C. carry as part of their service to passengers—

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15 DIED IN IRAQ RIOTS

Baghdad, Feb. 25. The Iraq Interior Minister said today 15 people were killed and 77 others injured during the Communist-provoked disturbances in 10 Iraq provinces late last year.

Reds Stage Strikes In France

Paris, Feb. 25. Sporadic strikes and demonstrations broke out among maintenance workers of France's nationalized railroads and schools today, but trains and schools were only slightly affected.

At the behest of the Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labour (Confederation Generale du Travail) rail workers held scattered protest meetings.

However, there were no work stoppages.

Most maintenance workers in France's schools stayed away from work for the day.

In many places teachers and pupils rioted and kept windows shut against the cold.

One school in Douai and another in Verdun closed for the day.

The anti-Communist Workers Force (Force Ouvriere) and French Confederation of Christian Workers (Confederation Francaise des Travailleurs Chretiens) declared themselves against the day of protest.

United Press.

Washington, Feb. 25. President Eisenhower has appointed Mr. Amory Houghton to be US Ambassador to France.

The White House spokesman said that Mr. Houghton's appointment was sent to the Senate for ratification together with that of David Bruce, new Ambassador to West Germany.

William Seibold, new Ambassador to Australia, — France-Press.

KEEP TROOPS HERE: GERMAN PLEA TO BRITAIN EXPECTED

By ERNEST MARSH

London, Feb. 26.

West Germany is expected to urge today that Britain should delay its planned reduction of about 27,000 men in its armed forces stationed in the Federal Republic, diplomatic sources said.

The proposed cuts — which will reduce Britain's forces in Europe to around 50,000 men — are the major topic at the Ministerial session of the seven-nation Western European Union (WEU) opening here today.

FRENCH CRITICISM

Six of the nations in WEU — Britain, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg — will be represented by their Foreign Ministers.

Chief representative for France will be M. Albert Gazier, Minister of Labour and National Service.

Britain has already outlined to WEU and its allies in the 15-nation Atlantic Pact the plans for slashing her forces in Western Germany in the face of current economic difficulties.

But the proposals have brought criticism from West European countries, particularly West Germany and France.

Diplomatic sources here believed that Herr Heinrich von Brauns, West German Foreign Minister, is likely to suggest that the cuts should not be started this year, but deferred until 1958.

Other major topic before the ministers will be the future of Western European Union and moves to use it as a means of greater political consultation among member states.

Today's ministerial session will be the first to be held in London since the body was formed under the 1954 Paris Treaties for rearming West Germany.

Diplomatic sources said it marks another stage of the current British policy of closer ties with Western Europe.

The United States and Canada will be represented as observers at WEU by Mr. Walworth Barbour, United States Minister in London, and Mr. Norman Robertson, Canadian High Commissioner, — China Mail Special.

'Quietest Fan Ever Built'

Groton, Feb. 25. The Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp., has announced development of the "smallest and quietest fan ever built."

The fans are needed for submarines where quiet is of utmost importance to escape detection.

The ultra-quiet fan, with slotted airfoil, is being installed in nuclear powered submarines.

Soon it will be available for air conditioning and ventilation of civilian establishments. — United Press.

More Japanese Trawlers For Malaya

Singapore, Feb. 26. Three more Japanese fishing trawlers for a joint Malaya-Japan fishing venture are expected next month, it was reported today.

The venture is an effort to improve the Malayan fishing industry and introduce up-to-date techniques.

Some Japanese trawlers are already operating with trained Malayan fishermen aboard.

The three latest trawlers (80 tons each) are being supplied by Okinoshima Marine Products Ltd., which is co-operating with Choon Kwang Marine Products Limited, Singapore, in the fishing project.

One result of the project is expected to be a reduction in the price of fish in Malaya. — Reuter.

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US Atomic Reactor Going To Germany

Washington, Feb. 25.

The Atomic Energy Commission announced today it planned to license the export of a United States research reactor to West Germany.

The reactor, a one-megawatt pool-type, is to be shipped to the Laboratorium fuer Technische Physik of the Technische Hochschule Muenchen, near Munich.

"Proposed issuance of the licence (to the American Machine and Foundry Atomic Company, Incorporated, of New York) is based on a commission determination that it is within the scope of, and consistent with, the agreement for co-operation between the governments of the United States and West Germany," the announcement said.

An AEC spokesman said that this was the first United States reactor to be licensed for export to Germany.

DOLLAR GRANT

He could not state the price involved but said Germany could apply for a \$350,000 grant from this country towards the purchase provided this was not more than half the cost.

Moreover, Germany could also apply for a loan from the Export-Import Bank.

Enriched uranium fuel for the reactor would have to be leased by government-to-government agreement. Perhaps four kilograms of uranium 235 would be needed.

The reactor would be suitable for producing isotopes, training technicians and for nuclear experiments, the AEC spokesman said.

He also said it was his understanding that Germany was "shopping around" for another research reactor. — China Mail Special.

Germany Takes More Miners

Essen, Feb. 25.

A second group of young Japanese miners is expected to come to the Ruhr in April to work in West German coal mines for three years, the coal mining association, announced today.

A first group of 59 miners from Japan is already in Duisburg-Hamborn near here and officials have praised them for efficient work and good conduct.

Altogether about 500 Japanese miners are to be trained in West German mines under an agreement between the governments of both countries. — Reuter.



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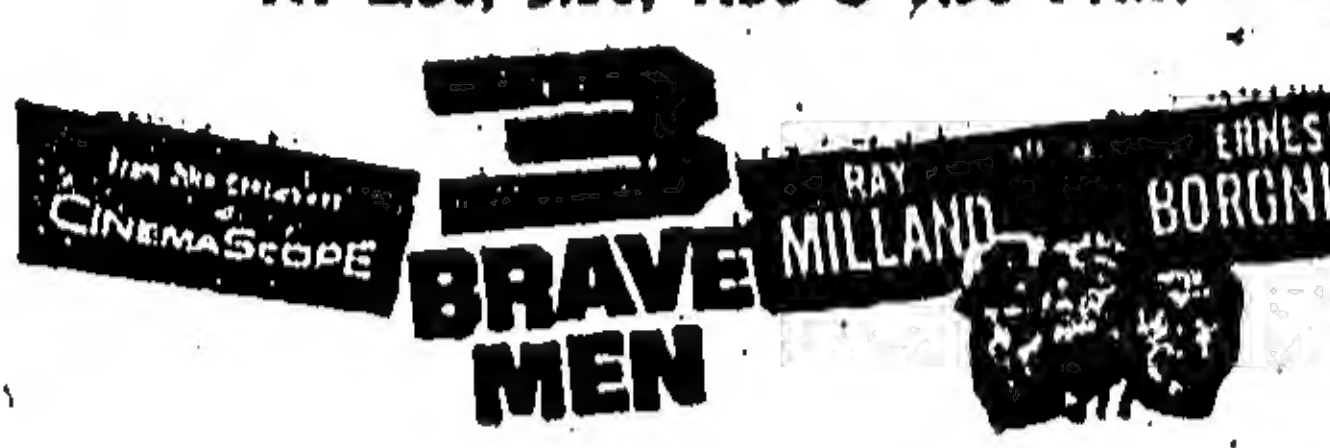
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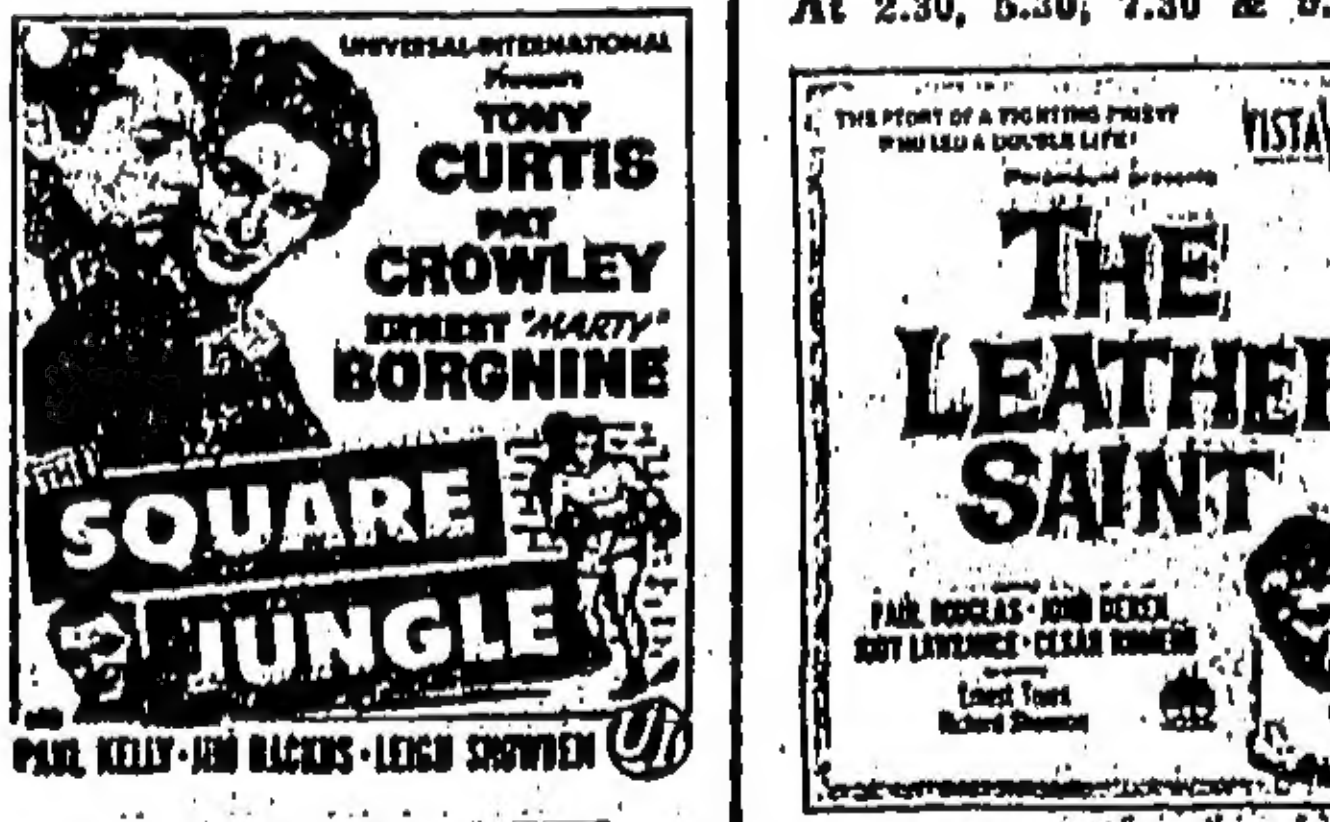


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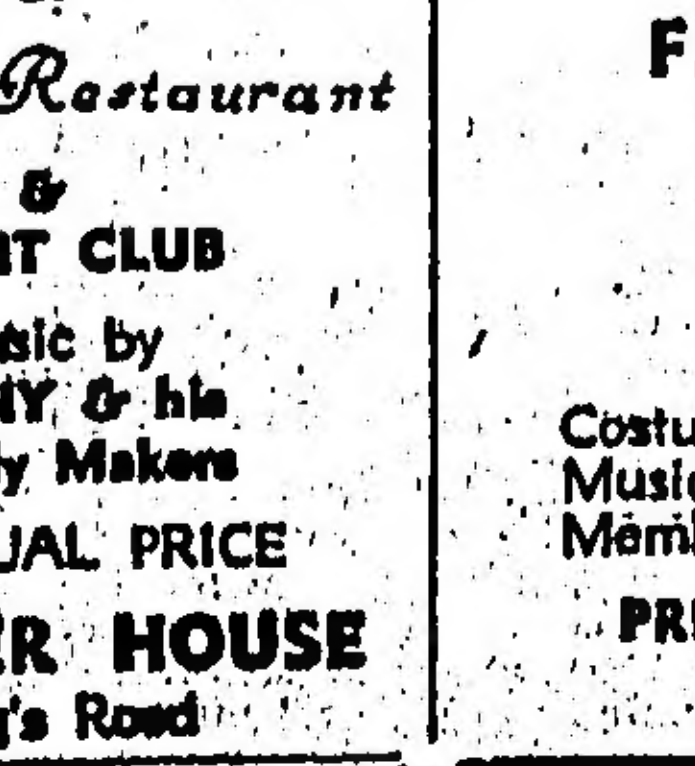
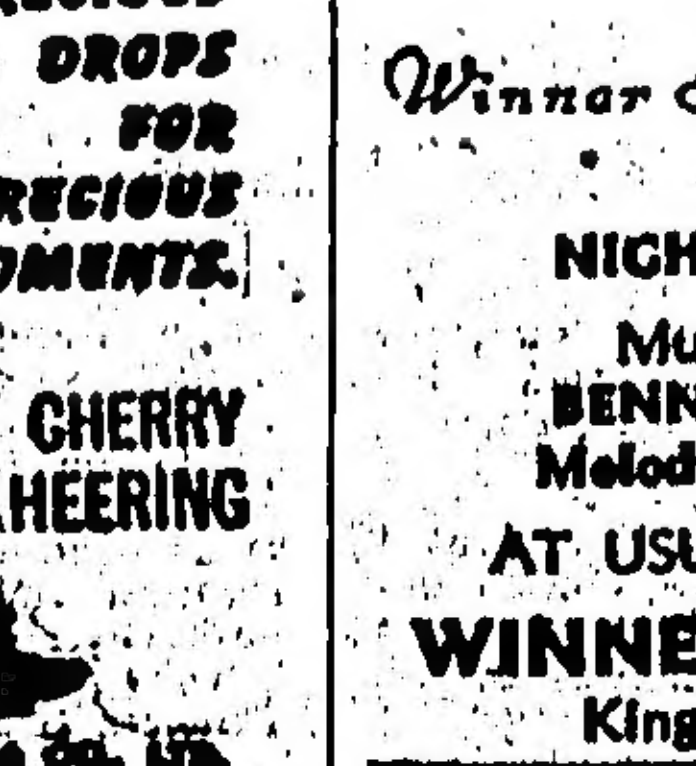
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ALGERIA REBELS 'ON THE RUN'

Sudden Mystery Lull In War, Troops Report BUT SWEEPS CONTINUE

Algiers, Feb. 25.

French troops assigned the job of ending the nationalist uprising in Algeria claimed today that rebels have been running away from the fight.

American Says:

INDIA SEEKING SOVIET OIL AID

New Orleans, Feb. 25.

An oil executive said today that India apparently was looking to Russia to help in developing its oil industry.

The executive, Mr. Harry McCobb, vice-president and director of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, spoke at the opening session today of the annual convention of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, Inc.

Mr. McCobb said India, by according to set up a government-owned petroleum industry, had created an atmosphere in which "private" industry may be able to make the heavy investments necessary to develop its oil resources.

"With no previous experience or trained personnel, she apparently looks to Russia for technical and material aid," said Mr. McCobb.

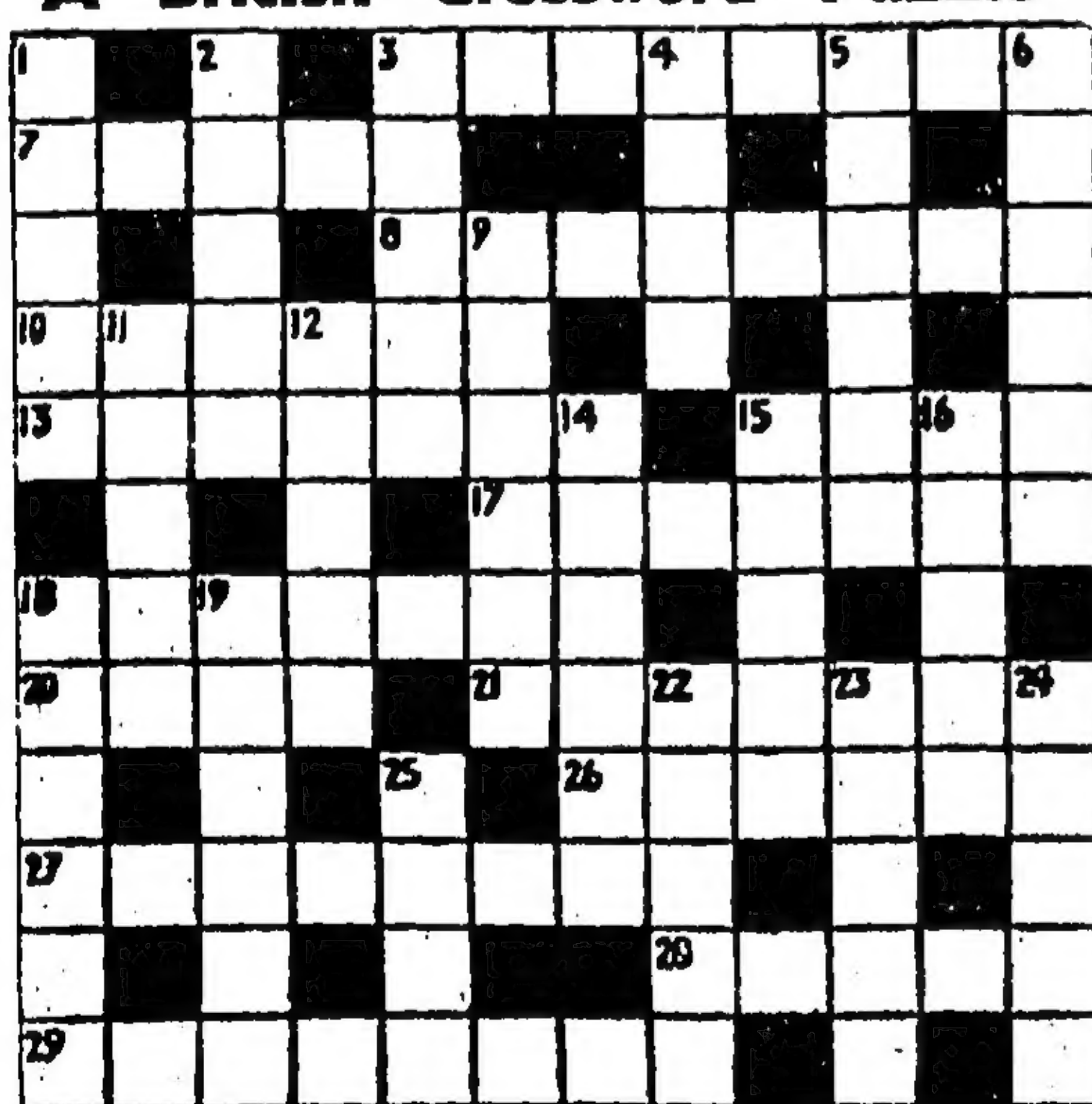
Intense Activity

He said the heavy and expanding demand for petroleum products throughout the Far East normally would stimulate private industry into intense activity.

But, he added, the unsettled political outlook and strong nationalist feelings of Far East nations tended to alienate private capital.

Two American University professors, Mr. Lute Parkinson of the Colorado School of Mines and Mr. J. P. Nielsen of New York University, told the group yesterday that European and Russian mining students and programmes were more advanced than what was available in the United States.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Ratifies (8).
7 Unpaid (5).
8 An instrument of justice? (6).
10 Hard coating (8).
13 Legulator (7).
15 Exclamation of woe (4).
17 Valances (7).
18 Annals (7).
20 Pertaining to wings (4).
21 Disagree (7).
23 Menapin (6).
25 Complete (8).
28 Notices in advance (5).
29 Pape up (6).

DOWN
1 Kernels (5).
2 The Russian takes up most of this seat (6).
3 Bird (5).
4 Wind instrument (4).
5 Equestrian seat (6).
6 Accent (6).
9 Ran off (6).
11 Staircase column (5).
12 Military rank (5).
14 Oppose (8).
15 Entertain (6).
16 Make reparation (5).
18 Lay waste (6).
19 Bonanza (6).
22 Goes obliquely (5).
23 Pitchers (5).
24 Lock (5).
26 Central European (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Velvet, 5 Dumps, 8 Maxim, 9 Gospel, 10 Lucid, 11 Regal, 12 Brew, 13 Terse, 16 Delete, 18 Evades, 20 Dudes, 23 Rush, 25 Steel, 28 Masses, 29 Rinde, 27 Ered, 28 World, 29 Solann, Bennis, 1 Vagabond, 2 Lascened, 3 Emir, 4 Tapered, 5 Dilates, 6 Amulet, 7 Price, 14 Regulate, 16 Eighteen, 18 Dastard, 17 Legates, 19 Vessel, 21 Usage, 24 Lil-ko.

ST JOAN: FIREMAN TO THE RESCUE!



Australia Rejects Indonesia Claim

New York, Feb. 25.

Sir Percy Spender of Australia declared today that Indonesia had brought her dispute with the Netherlands over West New Guinea to the United Nations in the interests of creating a situation "manifestly both absurd and dangerous."

Speaking in debate in the General Assembly's political committee, Sir Percy said that Indonesia had no legal basis for her claim to the territory whatsoever.

He said Indonesia's claim to West New Guinea—which Indonesians call West Irian and the Netherlands calls Dutch New Guinea—was simply a territorial claim for the extension of Indonesia's boundaries.

"In this sense it is nationalistic in character," Sir Percy said. "It is not a claim which should or can be given to the claim merely on that ground."

PROPER FORUM?

It also raises the question whether the General Assembly was the proper forum for such claims.

Sir Percy declared that Australia had a "cardinal interest" in the future of New Guinea—in the whole of the area of New Guinea.

"No nation placed as Australia is could be other than profoundly concerned in the issue which presently is before us."

Sir Percy opposed the resolution laid before the committee by 13 Arab-Asian and Latin-American nations which would call for the establishment of a good offices committee "with a view to assisting in negotiations" between Holland and Indonesia "in order that a just and peaceful solution" of the West New Guinea dispute could be made.—Reuter.

New Governor For Gaza

Tel-Aviv, Feb. 25.

An Israeli Army spokesman announced today that Colonel Peled had been named Governor of the Gaza Strip area, replacing Colonel Gaon.

Colonel Gaon had held the post of Governor since Israeli troops occupied the area.—France-Press.

Arab Chiefs Hear Saud's Report

Cairo, Feb. 25.

Leaders and Ministers of the Arab world's "Big Four" met today to discuss Arab affairs in the light of King Saud's visit to Washington and President Eisenhower's Middle East plan.

For two hours and 25 minutes this morning, Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser, King Saud of Saudi Arabia, President Shukri El Kuwaly of Syria and Jordan's King Hussein conferred at the Koubbeh Palace in suburban Cairo.

A communique issued afterwards said the four reviewed the international situation in general and Arab problems in particular. "In light of developments since the last conference" held on January 18, before King Saud's Western trip.

Meeting Again

They agreed to meet again tomorrow on what is expected to be the final day of the crucial Arab conference, which is considering both the Eisenhower Doctrine and Israel's refusal to withdraw forces from Egyptian territory.

Later, the chief ministers of the four leaders—Syrian Premier Sabri El-Azaly, Jordan Premier Suleiman Nabulsi, Egypt's Aly Sabri and Saudi Arabia's Youssef Yassin—met in another conference.

The four ministers conferred for five hours tonight. The results of their talks will be submitted to the main conference tomorrow.

Informal sources said all four were anxious to present a face of Arab unity to the world.

The sources said Saud was laying the Eisenhower plan before his doubting allies and would continue tomorrow with a point-by-point explanation he received from the President while in Washington.

Informal sources said the discussion today was "more general." It was believed to have

Italian Govt Gets Rebuff

REPUBLICAN PARTY WILL DROP SUPPORT

Rome, Feb. 25.

The Italian Republican Party last night touched off a political crisis which threatened the coalition government of Christian Democrat Premier Antonio Segni.

In a surprise move, 110 delegates to the Republican National Council denounced the Alliance with the Christian Democrat, right-wing Socialists and Liberal Parties.

Although the Republicans are not represented in the coalition government of Antonio Segni, their participation in the middle-of-the-road Democratic alliance gave the silver-haired Premier a working majority in both Houses of Parliament.

Four Alternatives

During the meeting of the National Council last night Party Secretary Rinaldo Ossola placed before the delegates four alternatives. They were:

- ★ Active participation in the government, by taking up some portfolios.
- ★ Continued support of the government, without entering it.
- ★ Freedom of action for the party without any government commitments.
- ★ Outright denunciation of the four-party coalition.

The Council decided for the fourth alternative, which was adopted with 85 per cent of the vote.

In a final resolution the Council pointed out the improved conditions of Democratic security, as a result of a Communist crisis, made it no longer necessary a coalition for the defence of Democratic institutions.

Function Completed

"The four party coalition has completed its function," the resolution said, "conflicts among the Democratic parties are becoming increasingly evident, for which reason the Republican Party feels it necessary to resume its total independence."

In the light of the new situation brought about by the Republican decision, a Parliamentary showdown may occur today, when Premier Segni appears before the chamber for a vote on a controversial land reform bill.—United Press.

NEW DELAY FOR IKE'S PLAN

Washington, Feb. 25.

The Senate Democratic leader, Mr. Lyndon Johnson, said today he hoped the Senate would agree to limit debate on the "Eisenhower Doctrine" and start voting this week.

But Sen. Wayne L. Morse (Dem.), served notice he would not agree to the proposal, which would require unanimous consent.

He said he did not see any urgency to the Middle East resolution that would rule out full debate.

Protection

Morse and other Senate Democrats made a new round of attacks on the President's proposal and Administration foreign policy generally.

Morse said he did not believe the Administration had a Middle East policy "unless it is to protect it."

Johnson urged the Senate to limit debate beginning on Thursday.

He said the Administration wanted the pending resolution passed "as soon as possible."

He indicated he might have committee meeting during Senate sessions until it is brought to a vote.

Senate leaders had to reach a final vote last week. But action was delayed, partly because of the Israeli troop withdrawal issue in the United Nations.

Revised

With this question still unresolved, many Senators who oppose sanctions have delayed speeches on Mr. Eisenhower's proposal for protecting the Middle East from Communism.

The resolution, as revised by the combined Armed Services-Foreign Relations Committee, assumes that the United States is prepared to use armed force, if necessary, to resist Communist aggression in the Middle East.

Eisenhower originally asked for specific authority to use troops for this purpose. He also requested authority to spend \$200 million on economic and military aid programme in the area.

In a speech prepared for delivery at Georgetown University tonight, Sen. Mike Mansfield (Dem.) called the Administration's Middle East policy "a formula for inertia, for drift, for delay and ultimately for disaster."—United Press.

Toscanini Funeral



Milan. — A general view of the scene outside Milan Cathedral recently during the Mass held there at the funeral of world-famous orchestral conductor Arturo Toscanini.—London Express Photo.

Red Talks On Nuclear Research

London, Feb. 25.

A 10-nation Communist nuclear conference opened today at the International Nuclear Research Institute at Dubna near Moscow.

Moscow Radio quoted a Polish scientist, Marian Danysz, as saying: "The purpose of the present conference is the mutual exchange of information and experience of scientists working in the field of photo-emulsion techniques (a method of recording) the elementary particles obtained today in the modern colossal accelerators."

Physicists attending were from Bulgaria, China, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, the Korean People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Rumania, Poland and the Soviet Union.

Mr. Danysz said the scientists would be shown a "synchrocyclotron with an energy of 600,000 electron-volts and the most powerful synchrotron in the world with an energy of 10 billion electron-volts."—United Press.

US A-Pact With Norway

Oslo Feb. 25.

A ten-year agreement on co-operation between Norway and the United States on the peaceful use of atomic energy was signed in Washington today.

The agreement provides for the exchange of information about various types of research and power reactors, and the purchase by Norway from the United States of up to 500 kilograms of uranium 235.

The agreement contains clauses designed to ensure that assistance given shall be used for peaceful purposes only.—China Mail Special.

New Competitor For Malayan Rubber

Singapore, Feb. 26.

The Straits Times said today the Malayan rubber industry faces "yet another synthetic competitor" with the announcement by the Japanese ministry of trade that a plan for establishing a semi-official company for synthetic rubber production in Japan was approaching the stage of realization.

The Ministry had said it was now awaiting a "top level decision" on whether the Government should invest in part of the new company's capital.

The Straits Times in a news report recalled that the former Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Tanaka, in his speech in October 1955 made the first intimation that Japan was planning to establish its own synthetic rubber industry.

Mr. Tanaka at that time was Minister of International Trade and Commerce and was attending a Colombo plan conference.

He had said the proposal was made because of the feeling of uncertainty produced by the fluctuating price of natural rubber.

He said then the scheme had no link with government aid or American help, the newspaper added.

According to the Straits Times, an announcement by the Ministry of Trade last week said it had persuaded the Furukawa financial group, which had its own plant for synthetic rubber production, to withdraw opposition to the idea of a semi-official company.—Reuter.

JAPAN AND BRITAIN AGREE ON TRADE

London, Feb. 25.

British and Japanese officials reached complete agreement at a meeting here today on a pact for new trading arrangements, an authoritative source said.

The new agreement will be signed at the Foreign Office tomorrow evening. Today's final session of the negotiations, which were begun on October 1 last, lasted for about one hour.

£300 MILLION

Mr. Haruhiko Nishi, Japan's Ambassador to Britain, and Mr. David Ormsby-Gore, Minister of State at the Foreign Office will sign the agreement tomorrow and details of it are then expected to be released.

Well-informed sources said that under the proposed arrangements Japan and the sterling area, of which Britain is the banker, might balance their trade during the new 12-month period at about £300 million each way.

The 12-month target in the previous trade arrangement was set at about £255 million each way.—Reuter.



and had blocked his attempt to complete the ruin of Malenkov.

The 20th Congress of the Presidium showed a gain for Khrushchev, with four of his supporters against the ageing Shvornik. But they were more than balanced by the presence of Marshal Zhukov: for the first time the Soviet Army was represented at the highest level in the other important body—

THE SOVIET POWER STRUGGLE

Soviet Communist Party had been prepared for February. The prospects for Khrushchev were good. He had pushed the lower Party organ with his supporters and it was expected that he would be prepared to use his majority to rid himself finally of his rivals.

But, before the voting took place, Mikoyan struck a surprise blow. He had given Khrushchev's industrial and foreign policies his support, but had also saved Malenkov, and it seems plain there was not prepared to submit to a Khrushchev dictatorship. He suddenly launched an attack on Stalin, referring particularly to the execution of men for whose fall Khrushchev himself had been personally responsible. This surprise attack was not permitted discussion of the Yugoslav alternative in Eastern Europe. Between them these two developments resulted in, first, the rising at Poznan and second, the bloody revolution in Poland and the destruction of the Stalinist regime in Hungary. The reimposition of Stalinism by Soviet arms disrupted the Communist movement in many countries and finally alienated the Yugoslavs and most of the neutral nations. Khrushchev's foreign policy was thus a total failure. Moreover, Zhukov and the army leaders are known to have been extremely angry about the Hungarian situation and to have thrown all their weight behind the policy of military intervention. They can hardly have regarded the events that led to

the Secretariat — Khrushchev maintained his grip. His opponent, Suslov, however, remained his "number two."

During the year, Khrushchev continued his policies. In home affairs, he stood (against Malenkov) for a tough programme of industrialisation with no concessions to the consumer, and for the strengthening of Soviet agriculture by opening up the virgin lands of Kazakhstan. In foreign affairs (against Molotov) he stood for breaking the deadlock by manoeuvres to attract the neutrals and in particular winning the Yugoslavs back into the Soviet bloc.

favoured project, the virgin lands, at one time the Soviet newspapers' main theme.

Every year since 1952 had seen at least one convulsion in the power struggle in the USSR. The year 1956, starting with the denunciation of Stalin and ending with the fighting in

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The Communist world was shaken by the publication of the Secret Speech, which was plainly seen (whatever Khrushchev's intentions) to demolish the whole myth that Soviet rule had been beneficent. The entire world with Yugoslavia was bought at the price of permitting discussion of the Yugoslav alternative in Eastern Europe. Between them these two developments resulted in, first, the rising at Poznan and second, the bloody revolution in Poland and the destruction of the Stalinist regime in Hungary. The reimposition of Stalinism by Soviet arms disrupted the Communist movement in many countries and finally alienated the Yugoslavs and most of the neutral nations. Khrushchev's foreign policy was thus a total failure. Moreover, Zhukov and the army leaders are known to have been extremely angry about the Hungarian situation and to have thrown all their weight behind the policy of military intervention. They can hardly have regarded the events that led to

by
J. E. M. Arden

Committee. He himself had been publicly rebuked. Khrushchev had not yet managed to eliminate his rivals from the all-powerful Party Presidium where, in spite of their loss of influence outside, their individual votes counted as much as ever. Moreover, though a majority of the Presidium was prepared to let him try out his own policies, most of them were in no way dependent on him

on Khrushchev himself) wrecked any plans that Khrushchev might have made. In the hastily contrived Secret Speech, Khrushchev chose the line "If you can't beat them, join them," by taking over the anti-Stalin campaign as if he had been an anti-Stalinist all the time.

When it came to the voting, the old Presidium was elected in full. Agreed blocs are forbidden by the Party and this was quite unprecedented. But it seems plain that the Presidium had mutually agreed to maintain the status quo. The candidate membership of the

and the anti-Stalin flop

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this fighting as showing Khrushchev in a favourable light.

The first sign that Khrushchev's rivals were making a comeback was Molotov's appointment to the Ministry of State Control, which he rapidly converted into an effective apparatus for controlling the Government machinery. Khrushchev's position had thus become extremely shaky and, in December, 1956, the Central Committee met again. Its political decisions were not then made public. But its economic announcements were already revealing. They

Hungary, had shaken Soviet Communism more than the previous ones. There has even been open disaffection among students, workers and subject races in the USSR itself. Neither concessions nor repression have proved adequate. If Khrushchev falls, we might perhaps expect some fairly intelligent attempt to cope with the situation by Malenkov and others. If Khrushchev remains, anything might happen. In either case, the regime is now known to be far from stable. Not only Khrushchev, but Communism itself, faces a doubtful and dangerous year.

WRITERS in revolt

How much the October rising in Hungary owed to the intellectuals has now been acknowledged by the suppression of the authors' associations. The origins of this ferment are here traced back to 1953.

By ANTHONY RHODES

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THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

NOT long ago two well-known Hungarian writers, the playwright Gyula Hay (who has just been arrested) and Peter Veres, visited Mr Kadar, the head of the Soviet-backed Government, to obtain permission to publish a new literary newspaper. "Literature is still not in our programme," Kadar is reported to have said. "Permission is not granted. Good-day!"

Liberal and revolutionary movements in Hungary have always been born in literary surroundings. It is as if in countries without deep democratic roots the intellectuals consider themselves as having a political mission in their lives as well as in their works. Petöfi in 1848, Gallilei in 1918, the anti-Fascists of 1942—all were

would like to see an example of his own art.

By the evening of the day when the paper appeared the editor had been dismissed, and A.V.H. secret police had confiscated every copy. The entire leadership of the Writers' Association resigned in protest.

Three months later, after similar examples of Government interference, the Writers' Association drew up a memorandum of protest, a copy of which was presented, not without irony, to the Soviet Ambassador as well as to the Hungarian Communist Party.

The discontent of the intellectuals had now come out into the open. To understand its origins we must go back to 1953, when the Kossuth Club was founded for intellectuals—university professors, writers, lawyers, and so on. Within this club, a smaller club soon formed, the now famous Petöfi circle—youthful intellectuals who began to arrange a series of talks and lectures on subjects of general interest: history, economics, philosophy, journalism.

These talks were conducted at first with proper Marxist decorum; but as soon as the more liberal trends from Moscow showed the way in 1954 they became polemical, and even critical.

that Rakosi, the dictator of Hungary, returned from Moscow in July, 1955. In the Irodalmi Ujsag leading articles were now appearing under titles such as "Sea water is salty," in which an imaginary Government was depicted persuading a servile people that sea water was lemonade.

At first Rakosi ignored these barbs. Then the Press meeting of the Petöfi circle was denounced as "Fascist" and "reactionary." Two writers were expelled from the party, and Rakosi began a more general purge. He announced his intention of arresting some 400 members of the Petöfi circle who attended the Press meeting.

It is now that we see the remarkable effect of the "liberalisation" policy then being followed in Moscow. Some of Rakosi's associates, anxious to keep in with Russia, immediately rushed to the Soviet Ambassador and asked for help, saying that this would lead to civil war. Whereupon the Soviet Minister Mikoyan arrived by air from Moscow. Soon Rakosi had to resign for "health reasons."

The deduction drawn by many Hungarian writers from all this is that the "liberalisation" policy in Russia was in fact working in their favour, and that if the demands of the Hungarian people could have been kept within limits, they might have achieved much. But at the crucial moment, on Oct. 24, the "Stalinist" elements in Russia gained the upper hand and sent in the tanks.



COMRADESHIP IN HUNGARY

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literary men whom the State hardly dared to touch in their political activities.

Communism has always paid much lip-service to "culture." But the notion that writers in Communist countries are all servile hacks is a Western illusion, which the Hungarian revolution has done much to destroy.

Adversity has sharpened the Hungarian mind, and satire is the literary weapon most feared by dictatorship. No one in fact did more than the intellectuals to promote the revolt.

In August, 1956, over a year before the rising, the poet Benjamin (once an enthusiastic Communist)

published his "Poem to a Minister" in the literary paper Irodalmi Ujsag. It was addressed to Darvas, the Minister of Culture, and it suggested sarcastically that as Darvas had given such precise instructions on how to write, everyone

The meetings grew so popular that the audience overflowed on to the stairs. The philosophy meeting, presided over by the well-known Marxist philosopher George Lukacs (now in jail), had to move to a bigger hall. The climax came at the end of July, at a Press meeting which continued from 8 p.m. until 3 a.m. in the most unbridled fashion. Here criticism was not even equivocal; the entire Hungarian Press was condemned quite simply as a liar. A list of writers and journalists who had been dismissed over the years from Sabad Nep, the party organ, for independent views was recited; and some speakers asked if it was possible both to write honestly and to be a Communist.

It was known that among the audience were a number of A.V.H. men out of uniform, taking names; but such was the heady enthusiasm of the speakers that one of them shouted, "Never mind! Let them take names. They will soon be powerless." They will soon be powerless. It was against such a background of intellectual ferment



WILD BILL HALEY GIVES A LECTURE FOR THE CATS

...with a line thrown in for strictly-Bach boys

by FRANK MOORE

FUNNY thing, but the people who condemn rock 'n' roll have rarely heard or seen a rock 'n' roll show.

I suppose it's human nature for people to condemn what they do not understand. The unknown has always been frightening.

Certainly this has always been so in modern popular music. I suppose many of the present critics of rock 'n' roll were once condemned by their elders for dancing the Charleston and Black Bottom.

Condemned

I can remember when Frank Sinatra was condemned by people who preferred good old Bing. Then Johnny Ray was condemned by people who preferred good old Sinatra.

Then it was Elvis Presley's turn. In fact he is a very likeable young man and a very good artist. He faces a brilliant future if he's properly managed. I'll tell you one significant thing about rock 'n' roll. At first, when we started, audiences were almost wholly made up of teenagers. Then parents began to come to see and hear for themselves that our shows were wholesome for their children.

Now at least half of our audiences are adult.

In Sydney during our Australian tour, the audiences were three-quarters adult and drawn from all classes.

I expect these Mums and Dads must have helped to buy some of the twenty-two million discs of ours that have been sold.

It's a stack of platters—world record, they tell me—to have been bought by teenagers alone!

In Australia, too, it's worth noting that rock 'n' roll had been banned from radio stations in Sydney and Adelaide.

After we played there and the local people had seen the shows for themselves the radio bans were lifted.

It's quite true that teenagers get excited and they cheer and clap. Adults too!

But people got excited at football and cricket matches (even abusive sometimes) and that doesn't condemn football and cricket.

The furthest things ever got, on our Australian tour, was in Brisbane.

The cheering crowd forgot its manners and insisted on a further encore from the Comets after the show had officially closed with the traditional singing of "God Save The Queen."

In Australia that is unprecedented.

The Brisbane Courier-Mail reported: "Whole rows of the audience stayed in unison from side to

side, stamping and singing in time with the band." But no riot.

Whenever I'm asked what I think of the rock 'n' roll riot, I always ask: "WHAT RIOTS?" I remember reading about one "riot," and perhaps the incident will give you a clue to what really happens.

It was at Atlanta, Georgia, last spring.

Inside the ball park where we were playing were 11,000 youngsters. Outside the gate were two youngsters who didn't have the money to get in.

Smashed

So they smashed some soft drink bottles against the wall and screamed when the police ordered them to move on.

Next thing I saw the local papers were headlining it "Another Rock 'n' Roll Riot!" And that's a fact.

I have a feeling that rock 'n' roll got a bad name because we played it in the film "Blackboard Jungle." People got the idea that rock 'n' roll was juvenile delinquency's theme music.

That's not so. Rock 'n' roll is the music of healthy young people. Not the jazz—dine as it is—left over from their parents' day. Not the swing of their younger uncles and aunts.

But a beat that is all their own.

I know because I got it from them.

We played to the kids—we used to go to their schools and give them a lesson before lessons started—and built up the beat after we'd closely watched the effect different pieces had on them.

When the kids' shoulders started moving their feet tapping and their hands clapping, we knew that tune or style was worth keeping.

The boys in the band are Spanish guitarist Franny Beecher, accordionist Johnny Grande, guitarist and singer Bill Williamson, bass fiddler Al Rex, drummer Ralph Jones, saxophonist Rudy Pomplili, and myself. I guess you know me from the curl that won't keep away from my forehead.

I've worn it ever since I made my debut as a kid in a hillbilly outfit. Now it's my trade-mark, I suppose. It looks like a letter C—and stands, of course, for Comets!

We all come from the same district in Pennsylvania, and relax together—and aim to stay together for a long time to come.

Franny Beecher has a face like rubber that he can pull into any old shape he likes. His voice seems built on the same principle.

His is the high-pitched voice that says "See you later, Alligator!" Maybe you know the one I mean.

Ralph Jones, the drummer, plays a big part in giving the



band that driving rhythm. He is our official worrier, too.

He worries about baggage and transport schedules, the weather, and everything else.

I've been asked what effect will rock 'n' roll have on youngsters?

If this question means what lasting effect will it have on their behaviour and morals, the answer very simply is "None at all."

What effect did jazz and swing of the Twenties and

Thirties have on their parents? None at all.

The fact is that jazz has now become a respectable and fashionable cult for intellectuals.

It will be so in a few years with Rock 'n' Roll.

They'll be collecting early discs and analysing them gravely. Meanwhile the youngsters—as always—discovered it first. Good luck to them! Next week I'll tell how I started Rock 'n' Roll. So see you later, Alligator!

This Funny World

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

THE cost of living remains steady, they say. I read that, though nearly everything costs more, the balance is maintained, because "eggs and second-hand cars are cheaper."

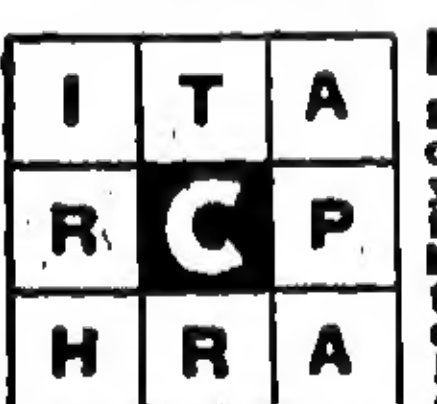
If fish goes up and second-hand planes become cheaper, the balance will be maintained even more. The overall levelling up of general day-to-day living is expressed in the difference between total price and partial price movements extended over a period of abnormal readjustment, by means of what appears to be a rising price period, but is really only the full-time effect of a recapitulation of stationary price-levels influenced by the figures of varying prices, qua prices.

Professor Simplepot

THE great Professor Simplepot's visit to Mmo, Zaphroma was a delightful occasion. The wizard and the sly were well matched. Every time she boiled nasturtium seeds, he roasted the livers of nine wolves trapped under a gibbous moon. Bats flew to and fro in the smoke-laden air of the cave, and while he inhaled the vapour from an earthenware bowl filled with prawn-skins, she scraped the resin off a fossilized tadpole suspended from a gall-iron. Each roared incantations in turn, and when she inserted a new wand into the lining of his hat, he poured a syrup concocted from gycamore leaves and ground charcoal over her boots. She then wore a strange pattern in the air, holding a walnut shell between her thumbs. Professor Simplepot retorted by thrusting his left knee through a square of tissue paper, and rubbing his cheeks with a powder of mashed celery. And the long night wore on.

Cutting out essentials THIS being Scientists' Mothers' Day, gapers will

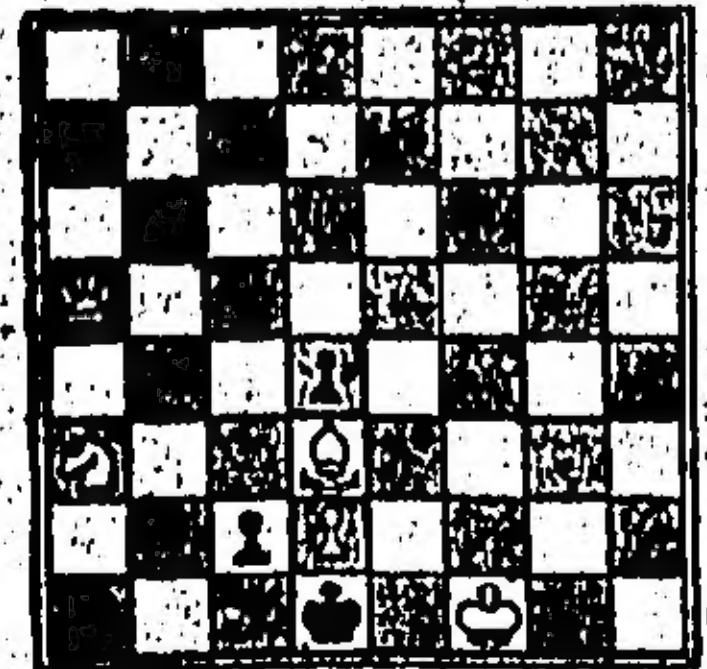
TARGET



HOW many letters or more can you make from the letters in the squares on the target? No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 17 words, good; 21 words, very good; 25 words, excellent. Solutions tomorrow.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



A problem by R. Buzko (Oslo Dagbladet, 1956). White mates in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. Q-Q3, 2. K-R3, 3. K-R3, 4. K-R3, 5. K-R3, 6. K-R3, 7. K-R3, 8. K-R3, 9. K-R3, 10. K-R3, 11. K-R3, 12. K-R3, 13. K-R3, 14. K-R3, 15. K-R3, 16. K-R3, 17. K-R3, 18. K-R3, 19. K-R3, 20. K-R3, 21. K-R3, 22. K-R3, 23. K-R3, 24. K-R3, 25. K-R3, 26. K-R3, 27. K-R3, 28. K-R3, 29. K-R3, 30. K-R3, 31. K-R3, 32. K-R3, 33. K-R3, 34. K-R3, 35. K-R3, 36. K-R3, 37. K-R3, 38. K-R3, 39. K-R3, 40. K-R3, 41. K-R3, 42. K-R3, 43. K-R3, 44. K-R3, 45. K-R3, 46. K-R3, 47. K-R3, 48. K-R3, 49. K-R3, 50. K-R3, 51. K-R3, 52. K-R3, 53. K-R3, 54. K-R3, 55. K-R3, 56. K-R3, 57. K-R3, 58. K-R3, 59. K-R3, 60. K-R3, 61. K-R3, 62. K-R3, 63. K-R3, 64. K-R3, 65. K-R3, 66. K-R3, 67. K-R3, 68. K-R3, 69. K-R3, 70. K-R3, 71. K-R3, 72. K-R3, 73. K-R3, 74. K-R3, 75. K-R3, 76. K-R3, 77. K-R3, 78. K-R3, 79. K-R3, 80. K-R3, 81. K-R3, 82. K-R3, 83. K-R3, 84. K-R3, 85. K-R3, 86. K-R3, 87. K-R3, 88. K-R3, 89. K-R3, 90. K-R3, 91. K-R3, 92. K-R3, 93. K-R3, 94. K-R3, 95. K-R3, 96. K-R3, 97. K-R3, 98. K-R3, 99. K-R3, 100. K-R3.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Study Finds Suit Breaks

By OSWALD JACOBY

HOW do you choose between one suit and another at a no-trump contract? Which suit should you develop in today's hand, for example? West opens the queen of clubs, and you decide on a plan before you play even the first card from the dummy. The opponents can take the two top hearts whenever they threaten to establish three long clubs. Your plan must not allow them to take three clubs and two hearts, since then you would be defeated.

If you win the first club and start on the diamonds, a 3-3 break in that suit would give you five diamond tricks. This would be enough for the contract. What about a 4-2 break in diamonds? If you look the top diamonds and gave up one diamond, you would get only four diamond tricks. This, together with two tricks in each black suit, would give you

NORTH		33
♠	K10943	
♥	1087	
♦	75	
♣	A73	
WEST		EAST
♠	A6	♠J875
♥	A42	♥653
♦	93	♦J1086
♣	QJ1082	♣94
SOUTH (D)		
♠	A2	
♥	QJ9	
♦	A42	
♣	K65	
Neither side vul.		
South	West	North
1♠	Pass	1♥
2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠Q		

eight tricks. Before you could establish your ninth trick, the opponents would take the three clubs and the two hearts. What about the spades? If you cash the top spades and give up a spade, you will make four spade tricks whenever the suit breaks 3-3 and whenever the opponents have Q-x or J-x in the suit. The combined chance is very good (about 2 to 1 in favour). Even if the spades fall to break, you will still be in position to run the diamonds in the hope of getting a 3-3 break.

This gives us the answer. Play for both suits at once by trying out the spades first. Win the first club trick with the king, cash the top spades and give up a spade. With a good break in spades, you are home. If they break badly, you can still try for the diamonds. If both suits break badly, get yourself a new rabbit's foot.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West 1 Diamond Pass 1 Heart Pass 2NT. You South, hold: ♠A ♣A ♣Q ♣J ♣10 ♣9 ♣8 ♣7 ♣6 ♣5 ♣4 ♣3 ♣2 ♣1 ♣0. What do you do?

A—Bid four diamonds. You want to reach game in hearts or diamonds.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: ♠A ♣A ♣Q ♣J ♣10 ♣9 ♣8 ♣7 ♣6 ♣5 ♣4 ♣3 ♣2 ♣1 ♣0. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . by STELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

BORN today, you are an individualist and are apt to be a law unto yourself. You rarely follow in any one else's footsteps, preferring to show out your own pathway to success. Initiative and quick to take advantage of any good opportunity, you are a natural timidity which keeps you from putting your best foot forward at all times. Get out of your shell and never hide the light of your intellect. You are a natural leader and a natural organizer. Very successful when in the boom of your own family, you should wed at an early age and have a home of your own.

Among those born on this date were: Joseph Le Conte, admiral; Victor Hugo and Arthur Stringer, authors; William F. Cody, American scout known as "Buffalo Bill"; John Harvey Kellogg, noted physician and surgeon; and Eugene Schuyler, diplomat.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

PIERCE (Feb. 26-Mar. 26)—You are toward self-improvement today and life will take on a much happier glow. Instrument your ambitions.

ARIZ (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You are sure this day into what you want to be by your own personal efforts. Remember that the positive attitude will work out for you.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—A self-centered attitude today can lead to a very interesting and co-operation if you want to make good progress.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Take a positive attitude toward everything and do not let minor setbacks and all will work out for the best.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Even if this is a routine day, try to do something new. Do not let others say all will be empty.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Do not let others say all will be empty. Do not let others say all will be empty.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Do not let others say all will be empty. Do not let others say all will be empty.

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WOMANSENSE

The Soft, Supple Silhouette



The various "lines" presented by couturiers in the recent Spring-Summer Collections in Paris all converge on a soft and supple silhouette. Illustrated above are two examples. Left: "Agile", a coat and dress ensemble in checked beige and white wool with a three-tiered look. By Jacques Heim. Right: "Grevion", a short dress frock for evening. Of white tulle, it is slotted through with black velvet for a striking contrast. From Christian Dior, creator of "la ligne libre". — Agence France-Press.

You can Make a Souffle

By Alice Denhoff

THERE just isn't anything more impressive than a well-baked souffle, yet for all their elegance, souffles are amazingly simple to make. The important thing in souffle baking is long baking at slow, even temperature.

CHEESE SOUFFLE

A savoury cheese souffle makes a nice party lunch dish. Sharp cheese is suggested for this recipe, but it can be mild or zippy, according to your choice.

For 6-8 servings, melt 3 tbsp. butter in 4 tsp. flour and top. salt. Add 1/3 cup boiling water, stirring to blend well. Then stir in 1 1/2 cups evaporated milk slowly. Cook over boiling water until very thick, stirring constantly.

Add 1/2 lb. sharp American cheese that has been grated, dash of cayenne. Then beat in 6 egg yolks, one at a time. Beat 6 egg whites until foamy. Add 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar and

continue beating until stiff but not dry. Fold tightly into cheese mixture.

Pour into buttered baking dish. Bake at 300° F. until set, about 1 hr. Should be served at once.

Dress up rosy beetles with a wonderful sauce and add to the family's nutritional intake thereby.

Mix together 1 tsp. each cornstarch and sugar and 1/4 tsp. salt in saucepan.

Gradually blend in 1 c. fresh orange juice. Cook over low flame, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Stir in 2 tsp. grated orange rind, 2 tsp. butter and 3 c. cooked or canned beef, drained and sliced. Makes 6 servings.

OLD TRICK

Here is a recipe for really fine lamb croquettes, an old trick for taking care of leftovers.

To serve 8 medium-sized croquettes, prepare 1 c. thick white sauce. Stir in 2 c. ground cooked lamb, 1/2 cup chopped fresh or dried parsley, 1/4 tsp. onion salt, 1/4

cup celery salt and 1/4 tsp. ginger. Chill thoroughly. Shape into balls, rolls or pyramids. Roll in flour, then dip in 1 slightly beaten egg and roll in fine bread crumbs.

Fry in deep, hot fat (365-385° F.) for 3-5 min. or until well browned and heated through. Serve with a cream sauce.

Other meats such as veal, beef, chicken or turkey may be used instead of the lamb.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Adhesive tape marks can be removed by dabbing them with a little non-inflammable cleaning fluid.

If large potatoes are halved before baking it will lessen fuel consumption.

To remove butter stains, launder the fabric in warm soapy water.

To remove coffee stains, use chlorine bleach unless the colour of the fabric would be affected by the bleach.

Suede or buckskin shoes should be cleaned with a stiff brush after they have been treated with liquid suede dressing.

To protect a rubber bathing cap, wash, dry and cover with a talcum powder. Place in a cool, dark place.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Bad Day For Willy

—Apple Rain Was Ruining His Front Lawn—

By MAX TRELL

It was a bright, sunny autumn day, a wonderful day in the morning. There wasn't a cloud in the sky.

Knauf, the shadow boy with the funny old name, was just telling his sister that he thought it was one of the most beautiful days he had ever seen, when, all at once, they were surprised to hear someone saying: "Hey, there! Did the rain stop yet?"

Knauf and Hanid looked around. They saw nobody. But they recognised the voice.

"Willy!" cried Hanid in a stern voice. "Stop hiding and come out wherever you are!"

"It's raining," said Willy from somewhere.

Knauf and Hanid both shouted that there was no sign of rain.

A moment later, Willy came wriggling out from under a heap of twigs and stones. He looked up through the leaves of the tree—for he was standing right under an apple tree—and shook his head doubtfully.

"I don't know," he said. "It doesn't look like rain; not regular, ordinary rain. But big red and green raindrops have been falling just the same. Look out!" he suddenly cried.

Ducked Back

He ducked back under the pile of twigs and stones just as a big red and green raindrop came crashing down through the leaves of the tree overhead. Knauf and Hanid jumped out of the way in alarm.

The raindrop was an apple. "There! Do you see what I mean?" That is what Knauf had

going on for the past week, apples raining down from the sky," said Willy as he poked his head out again.

"They're not coming down from the sky," Hanid said, peering out from under the ledge again. "They're coming from the apple tree. The branch is hanging right overhead."

"There's lots more apples on the branch too," Knauf added, looking up. "They look good and ripe. I guess they'll all be falling down unless they're picked."

"And apple sauce," said Knauf. "They make apple sauce out of apples, too."

"I never heard of that," remarked Willy.

"And apple jelly and apple dumplings," said Hanid all at once. "Here come mother and the children!"

Sure enough, a few moments later, Mother and the children

arrived with a basket. They started gathering up the apples from the ground (for they were all good ones even though they had fallen), and then one of the boys climbed up into the tree and shook the branches. For the next moment or two it really did seem to be raining apples.

Willy Toad held his ears and squeaked: "Oh! Isn't it awful! What a storm!"

But all of the apples were taken away, every last one. Mother and the children were very happy to have them.

Just before they left, Willy happened to see Willy Toad out from under his rock. They stooped down to look at him.

"I hope you don't mind our taking away all your apples, Toad," the children said to him. "Mind? I'm glad you're taking them away! Who wants to be hit on the head by an apple? Take them all away," said Willy.

When Mother and the children had gone, Willy said to Knauf and Hanid: "Nice day. No more apple rain!"

— Agence France-Press

The Shy Child

By W. W. BAUER, M.D.

MORE parents, especially mothers, complain about boisterous, noisy, over-active and mischievous children than about shy children. Often the shy child is regarded by parents and sometimes even by teachers as a "good" child. Such a child makes few problems for other people. Yet it is the shy child who may be a serious problem to himself and ultimately to others.

In extreme cases, the shy child may break out suddenly at the most inopportune moments with extreme and even criminal violence. Everyone is astonished at how a good boy or a lovely girl could possibly have done such an atrocious thing.

SERIOUS PROBLEM

The surprise is not justified. Shyness is one of the more serious of the emotional problems. A shy child has difficulty in making friends. At parties he is the wallflower and at school he turns aside from the groups and doesn't mix well with the other children. At home he is likely to retreat to his room to read or to engage in projects of his own. He is secretive, telling little of what goes on in his activities away from home and practically nothing of what goes on in his mind.

Following a panel discussion in which the problems of the adolescent and his parents were discussed, a woman said that she and her husband were "broken hearted" because their 18-year-old son had eloped with a 16-year-old girl and the youngsters had been married. Their boy had been "protected" and surrounded with the influences of the home," while "the girl had been one who went around with lots of boys."

This was apparent in the burst from a background of shyness where the boy suddenly

decided that he had had enough of protection and was going to go out and do something on his own.

Of course, he was premature about it and he should have consulted his parents. The trouble was much deeper, than that; and retired largely in the fact that the parents had over-protected him, not so much for his own sake as for theirs. His mother never could forget her "broken heart." She was totally deaf to any advice to make the best of it and not let her broken heart overshadow the welfare of her child.

OVERPROTECTION

Overprotection can do far more to the child than contact with living that he becomes unable to make such contacts when they become inevitable. We hear a great deal from mothers about "sensitive" children. Often in the eye of the unprejudiced beholder, the so-called sensitive child is merely the spoiled brat. The same type of overprotection which creates the sensitive personality may also create the shy personality.

Shy children should be given opportunity to overcome their shyness by being put at ease. Their best points should be studied and judiciously exploited. In the early stages they should be saved as much as possible from sudden and unexpected contacts with strangers and large groups of people. Later these contacts should be deliberately arranged with increasing frequency and complexity, as the child grows more able to meet his fellows.

BROKEN HEIRLOOM

Children sometimes retreat into "shyness" when parents expect too much of them, and are overcritical of failures which they ought to pass by casually. This type of shyness is protective armour which the child dons against the injurious impacts of criticism, misunderstanding, scolding, adverse comparisons with other children and stimulation of the part of parents. Even when the child is to blame, a wise parent often overlooks it. A broken heirloom, even though the break is directly chargeable to carelessness, is of less importance than a child's shyness, and personally broken by unjust, vindictive criticism.

In many instances the cause of shyness lies deep within the innermost recesses of the personality. A child's experience or impression gained from the home environment may cause the child to withdraw from life unconsciously fearing that if he makes the same kind of contacts that caused his discomfort before, he will again be humiliated and frustrated. Finding these deeply hidden "complexes" is not easy and requires skilled professional investigation, usually by a psychiatrist recommended by the family physician. Amateur psychologists and the advice of well-meaning neighbours and friends or of relatives is almost a sure way to go wrong.

The important point is for parents to recognize that the extremely good child may be merely a shy child, retreating from reality, and may constitute a problem at least as serious as the over-aggressive child.

Elegant Tunic



An elegant tunic of light-colored material, with a high collar and long sleeves. It is a perfect example of the "line" of the day. — Agence France-Press



CALCUTTA CUP

No Change In England's Team For Match With Scotland

London, Feb. 25. England, who are assured of at least sharing the International Rugby Union Championships, will be unchanged for their Calcutta Cup match with Scotland at Twickenham on March 16.

A win for England, who lead by two points over Ireland and Scotland in the table, would clinch the Calcutta Cup, the triple crown and the championship outright. This would equal their 1927-28 record when they last won their four international titles.

Toni: R. Challis (Bristol), P. B. Jackson (Coventry), W. P. C. Davies (Hartlepool), J. Butterley (Northampton), P. H. Thompson (Huddersfield), R. M. Bartlett (Huddersfield), R. E. P. Jones (Northampton), G. W. Hasling (Gloucestershire), E. Evans (Sale, captain), C. R. Jacobs (Northampton), R. T. D. Maries (Cambridge University), J. D. Currie (Oxford University), P. G. Robbins (Oxford University), A. Ashcroft (Waterloo), R. Higgins (Liverpool).

No changes were anticipated following Saturday's 9-5 success against France — China Mail Special.

WORLD ICE HOCKEY

Czechoslovakia Scores Big Win Over E. Germany

Moscow, Feb. 25. Russian, Sweden and Czechoslovakia were joint leaders in the World and European Ice Hockey Championships here tonight with four points each from two matches at the end of the second day.

Biggest win of today's three games were scored by Czechoslovakia, who beat East Germany 15-1 (period scores 6-1, 5-0, 4-0).

Other results: Soviet Union 11 Finland 1 (period scores 4-0, 4-0, 3-1). Sweden 8 Poland 3 (period scores 2-1, 2-2, 4-0).

The only other nations competing are Japan and Australia, who both lost their opening matches yesterday. The World and European Championships are being run concurrently, all entries except Japan being eligible for both titles. They continue to March 5.—Reuter.

Millwall Beaten

Southern, Feb. 25. Southampton beat Millwall by four goals to nil (halftime 1-0) in a Third Division Southern League soccer match here tonight.

The match was originally scheduled for February 16.—Reuter.

GRAND NATIONAL

Goosander Now 100-7 In Victoria Club Callover

London, Feb. 25. Closing odds at tonight's Victoria Club callover on the Lincolnshire Handicap and Grand National Steeplechase were:—

Lincolnshire Handicap (one mile, March 27):

100-7 Loppylugs and Donalson.

18-1 Nonchalant and River Line.

20-1 Setting Star, Idle Rocks and Precious Heather.

22-1 Sunrise and Tudor Jinks.

25-1 Whirlwind, Aberdovey, Amber Glass, Mountain Music and Nicholas Nickleby.

33-1 Counsel, Dutton, King's Coup and Grinlith.

40-1 Pipe Royal.

Nicholas Nickleby, the 1955 Royal Hunt Cup winner who is owned by South African sportsman, Mr Jack S. Gerber, was the only other Lincolnshire candidate supported at 25-1.

The Grand National market was weak, stable mates Goosander and Much Obligated now sharing favouritism with Glorious Twelfth at 100-7. Rending, a game winner of a four mile steeplechase at Birmingham today, was introduced at 33-5 and was a popular win and place choice.

Grand National Steeplechase (four miles, 555 yards, March 29)

100-7 Glorious Twelfth, Goosander and Much Obligated.

100-8 E.S.B.

20-1 Gentle Moyn, East Royal, Key Royal, and Sundew.

25-1 Square Times, Sam Brownthorn, Fella, Green Drill, Sydney Jones and Wyndburgh.

33-1 Royal Tan, Sandy Jan Second, Armorial Third and Rending.

40-1 Athenian.

More interest was shown in betting on the English Football Association Cup than in the Spring Double events. Manchester United retained firm favourites at nine to four but Birmingham City, supported to win 11,000 sterling, and West Bromwich Albion (9,000 sterling), claimed most attention.

Donalson, from leading trainer Captain Charles Elsey's stable, joined Loppylugs at 100-7 joint favourite for the Lincolnshire Handicap. The four-year-old, probable mount of Australian Equi Brit, advanced from 18-1 offered a week ago and was well backed.—Reuter.

Amateur Champion Wins \$7,500 Open Golf Prize

Houston, Texas, Feb. 25. Arnold Palmer, 28-year-old former National Amateur champion, used deadly short irons and a hot putter today to beat two veterans and two hungry newcomers in a back nine race for the \$7,500 first place money in the \$38,000 Houston Open.

Palmer turned in a final round 35-34—69, three under par over the mud-spattered Arnold Park, longest on the winter tour at 7,200 yards. Palmer sank a 15-foot putt on the 18th green for a nine-under 279 total to edge Doug Ford by one stroke for the title. Ford, leading money winner on the tour, shot a final round 35-36—71, and finished today with a 35-38—73 for a 281 total.

Jimmy Demaret, faltered in muddy lies on the back nine and came in with a 35-38—73 for a fourth-place 282. Sharing fifth place money at 284 were Gene Bone, who led the second and third rounds only to fall to a six over par 78 today, and Mike Souchni, who had a 35-37—72 even par round. Palmer, winning his first tournament of the tour, found \$7,500 in cash piled haphazardly in a silver punch bowl as he walked from the 18th green.—United Press.

FA CUP FIFTH ROUND MATCH



Aerobic kick by Bournemouth inside-right Norris opens the scoring for Bournemouth in their FA Cup fifth round match against Tottenham Hotspur, at Bournemouth on February 16.

Bournemouth reached the sixth round for the first time in their history, with a 3-1 win over the London side.—Reuterphoto.

Charlton Are Doomed For Division Two Next Season

Says ARCHIE QUICK

Freddie Cox, manager of triumphant Bournemouth and Boscombe United—Cup players of Wolves and Spurs—sat watching the League match between bottom-of-the-table Charlton Athletic and leaders and champions Manchester United, United fielded three reserves, and yet gave Charlton a 5-1 whipping on their own ground.

Said Freddie: "Whoever beats this lot will win the Cup". Three hours later millions of television viewers saw him jump for joy as he watched the first-ever screened Cup draw and saw Mr David Wiseman pick-out "Bournemouth at home" followed by Mr Arthur Drewry dipping into the bag and drawing "to Manchester United".

I watched the draw with Preston North End. In town for their Cup replay with Arsenal, said manager Cliff Britton: "I would like us to get through with Blackpool. We are near neighbours, and Stanley Matthews versus Tom Finney would be a real treat."

Meanwhile, my original fancy, Burnley, are still there with a Sixth Round home draw, and remember, it is neutral ground after this. Also in the running are Birmingham City, with their sights set grimly on a second successive Wembley. They have the precedents of Manchester City, Charlton, Bolton and Blackpool all of whom were beaten at Wembley only to return the following year and win.

SEASONED VETERANS

Harking back to Manchester United. They are really amazing. Violet, Foulkes and Edwards were all injured, and at Charlton Matt Busby drafted in Bent, Charlton and McGuinness. Not one of this trio

FA Cup Draw For March 16

London, Feb. 25. Draw for the semi-finals of the Football Association Amateur Cup, to be played on March 16, is:

Ilford or Wycombe Wanderers v. Corinthian Casuals, at Arsenal Ground, London.

Crook Town or Bishop Auckland v. Kingstonian or Hayes, at Newcastle United's Ground, —China Mail Special.

Cuban Grand Prix

Havana, Cuba, Feb. 25. Juan Manuel Fangio, the Argentine world champion, won the Cuban grand prix sports car race in a Maserati here today.—Reuter.

is yet eligible for National Service yet they played like seasoned veterans, and to top it all young Charlton got a "hat-trick" against Scottish Inter-national John Howie. As manager Jim Anderson, of Spurs, said to me after the match "Anyone of those three are fit for the First Division and most clubs would willingly pay five figures for each of them."

They are all ex-Schoolboy Internationals, each under eighteen years of age, of course, but to keep them, Manchester United pay them maximum £15 a week wages although they are in the Central League side. His big worry is that they will crave for first team football and the possibility of International "caps."

Charlton are doomed for Division Two next season—the first time they have been relegated since their gradual rise from the Third Division a quarter of a century ago. They are trying out young men who they hope will be in the senior eleven next campaign. And I was told that there is to be a big clearance of old timers at the Valley.

A unique football "double" becomes imminent. Colchester, eight matches without defeat, lead Division Three South with Benny Fenton as manager. West Ham United, also eight matches without defeat, are a distinct possibility to accompany Leicester City in Division One—and they are managed by Ted Fenton. Now, have two brothers guided sides to promotion in the same season. What is more, to complete the family connection, Ted used to manage Colchester in their triumphant Cup days. As for West Ham, only Leicester and Forest have better comparative records in Division Two.

When Colchester (first) played Ipswich (third) in a promotion battle, the likes of which East Anglia has never known there were 18,500 people at the Layer Road ground—a league record. It was abundantly proved that this erstwhile

Cinderella Club is not ready for Second Division football. The "gates" were closed an hour before the start, with queues half a mile long straggled outside. Spectators clambered on to the roofs of stands and perched in nearby trees. Ticket-holders were unable to get to their seats and wingers took the corner kicks, from among crowds who had spilled over the touchlines.

Imagine what would happen at Colchester, and similar places like Wokingham, if promotion is unexpectedly round the corner. The Colchester police are scared at the thought, and the club has no money to improve matters.

CONCRETE OFFER

Watching all the confusion, was League Chairman, Mr Arthur Oakley, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, with his manager Stanley Cullis. They want Colchester Ipswich goal-scorer Ted Phillips. They had had him watched on three successive Saturdays, in fact, and made a concrete offer for the Suffolk-born inside-left. In a quagmire, Ipswich Chairman, Mr Charles Cobbold, said to me: "We want promotion, and we want to do right by our supporters, but how can a little club resist these big offers?"

Benny Fenton is in very much the same position as Freddie Cox at Bournemouth. Taking over their respective clubs they set themselves a three year success plan—and success has come quicker than they planned.

Fenton says quite plainly: "If we won promotion I should not be in a position to go looking for players to strengthen the staff. Rather would I have to sell one to pay for ground improvements!"

Colchester, gilded into action by their player-manager, obviously have two main ingredients in their recipe for success—team spirit and superb physical fitness. Whether they would be sufficient for Second Division success, however, is a different story.

BRASHER IS LET DOWN AND HAS A SUPPORTER

Whoever conceived the idea of seating Chris Brasher, Olympic hero, next to Elaine Burton, Labour MP for Coventry South, on February 18 at the Sportswriters' Association dinner in London was a mind-reader.

There could hardly have been a more fortuitous arrangement. For the athlete and the politician had the same striking thoughts on amateur sport as practised in Britain—but hardly anywhere else—in 1957.

Brasher wore his broadest grin for this gala, evening-dress occasion. He and our other Olympic Champions were the toast of the town.

But behind the twinkling spectacles, Brasher felt more like a man who has been struck, severely and suddenly, across the face.

This is why. Remember how last month in his own borough of Kensington he electrified wealthy business men and civic dignitaries at a sedate lunch given in his honour?

STARTED IT

He tossed his personal cheque for £225 on the table and challenged his affluent audience to produce 99 more like it, "or 10 with a nought on the end."

The money was to finance a Brasher dream—an indoor training centre for athletes such as he desperately wanted in the years leading up to his own Olympic triumph.

FIRED IMAGINATION

His vigorous appeal, founded on his personality and popularity, fired the imagination. Big business gents pumped their hand and promised to chip in. Cheques would be in the post next morning.

The Mayor of Kensington offered the mayoral parlour as a collecting station.

The £2,500 which would make a dream come true seemed as good as in the lidd.

Yet, 30 days after that stirring, send-off I put a call through to the mayor's parlour to ask how the fund had swollen.

Back came the shock reply: "It hasn't quite reached £1,000. Apart from one cheque for 25 guineas, Brasher's contribution is the biggest so far. There

I HAVE MY SAY BY HARRY CARPENTER

have been lots of small donations but not one "big fish."

A bitterly disappointed Brasher told me: "The applause that day was wonderful. It seems people are ever ready to applaud but not to dig into their pockets."

During that night's celebration Brasher voiced his feelings to Miss Burton.

It could have been coincidence, but when she stood up to propose the toast of "Our Sportswomen Guests," this 52-year-old former World Champion sprinter, leapt from the starting-blocks into the most virulent, audacious attack on Britain's system of amateurism I have ever heard launched in public.

DISGRACEFUL

Gillian Shien had told her that our fencers have to find up to 30s. to replace every broken blade.

Said Miss Burton: "It's disgraceful that any amateur should have to pay for equipment."

She compared the doleful spectacle of British sportsmen selling boot matches to raise funds for Melbourne with the ease with which athletes from

practically every other country in the world were outfitted and dispatched without aqualling recourse to public charity.

"Amateur sport in Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Finland, Germany, and Italy is subsidised by money taken from football pools," cried Miss Burton to her spellbound audience.

OUR TWILIGHT

"Amateurs from Russia have their fares paid by the State. I have never heard of American athletes in difficulties over getting the facilities they want."

"This is the twilight of amateurism as we understand it. Britain cannot go on any longer like this—unless we are prepared to see our sport slowly die."

Then Brasher, who had tried—and failed—to raise a measly £2,500, heard Miss Burton hurl this challenge to the dielards:

"Each year the Treasury takes £21½ million out of football pools. All I want is half a million ploughed back into sport."

LICK THEM ALL

"We won six gold medals at Melbourne. What could we get with half a million? We'd lick America, Russia, and the rest of the world!"

Elaine Burton's speech was the complete answer to Brasher's personal problem. No wonder he got up and said: "I am very grateful to her for taking this attitude."

But talk has to be translated into action. The fact remains that while we cheered and toasted Chris Brasher with our minds on the past, his was on the future—and all he saw was a wonderful idea crumbling to nothing.

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SPORTS VIEWPOINT

Manchester United Can Put Britain Back On Top Of The Soccer World

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

Substitute Ted Ditchburn for Ray Wood, Billy Wright for Mark Jones, Stan Matthews for John Berry, and Albert Quixall for Irishman Billy Whelan. Then put the white shirt of England on Matt Busby's Manchester United "Babes" and what have you got?

A combination of experience and youth; a team with sufficient poise, and more than enough skill to put Britain back on top of the soccer world.

That is my considered opinion after watching United, Champions and present leaders of the English League, FA Cup favourites, and England's pride and joy in the European Cup,analyse, test and finally obliterate poor Charlton Athletic.

Argue that in Charlton Manchester United had little or nothing to beat, argue that there are better individuals around than Manchester's brilliant young eleven. Point out that England, fighting back after the Hungarian (soccer) disaster, have not done so badly in their team-building.

Argue as you will! But don't forget the great teams of post-war soccer were TEAMS. The fantastic Hungarians built their side around two clubs—Horned and Red Banner, England who change their team with the rapidity of a struggling Third Division club, would do well to follow their example.

FINEST SIDE

And what better team on which to build or to frame the side than Manchester United? Here is a side, young in years, but old in experience. The European Cup has shown that The Busby Babes, probably the finest side in Europe, certainly in the British Isles, have an average age of about 22. None of their youngsters by the law of averages, has reached his peak. Yet all are mature enough to meet the strong physically fully developed in every football sense.

I would prefer Ditchburn the new in position to Wood, the goalkeeping, and Billy Wright, the wing in experience over the old young, present Mark Jones, Stanley Matthews, while the remains of the current front line and the back line are not far off full caps.

The side has balance, plenty of quality, and should be good enough to beat any side in the world.

Johnny Haynes in my opinion, but by Sheffield Wednesday's Albert Quixall, a lad who is back to his England form, and whose style is more suited to United's whirling fluid attack than Haynes, who favours the long raking cross-field pass.

With Roger Byrne, the essence of coolness of left-back, the diminutive Colman, and busy Duncan Edwards, indisputably England's finest wing-half, and a left-wing trio of Taylor, Violet and Pegg, capable of bursting wide, open any defence you care to mention, England could offer a very serious challenge to all who consider themselves world top dogs.

FOR REFERENCE THE TEAM READS:

Ditchburn (Spurs); Foulkes, Byrne (Manchester United); Colman (United); Wright (Wolves, Capt.); Edwards (United); Matthews (Blackpool); Quixall (Sheffield Wednesday); Taylor, Violet, Pegg (United).

UNDER 23'S

The selectors, in naming the England Under-23 team to meet Scotland under the Tivoli floodlights today have indicated that the days of throwing a crowd of talented youngsters into the soccer melting pot and hoping they come off, are over.

For included in the side are two current internationals, Clayton and Haynes. Around these two young stars are three extremely promising youngsters, who are not far off full caps.

Goalkeeper: Hodgkinson, for instance, right back: Ray Gibson, left back: Smith, and left-winger: Pegg.

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Inside-left Jack Dyson has a dual aim. This slim Manchester City ball artist will be remembering Jack Sharp and Harry Mackee, both of whom like Dyson, played cricket for England, and both of whom gained England international honours on both soccer and cricket fields.

The team:

Hodgkinson (Sheffield Utd); Howie (West Brom); Shaw G. (Sheffield Utd); Clayton (Blackburn, Capt.); Smith (Birmingham); Neal (Lincoln); Alan Finney (Sheffield Wednesday); Haynes (Fulham); Clough (Middlesbrough); Dyson (Manchester City); Pegg (Manchester Utd).

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Sports Diary

TODAY

Tennis: Colony Grandmasters championships at Chislewood 9.15 p.m.

TOMORROW

Baseball: Combined Citizens at Club ground, 4.30 p.m. Day for the Middlesbrough Shield at 11.00, 4.30 p.m.

Activities: Police School Joint Athletic Meet, Botolph Claydon, 2 p.m.

Cricket: Essex v. Gloucestershire at Chelmsford, 4.15 p.m.

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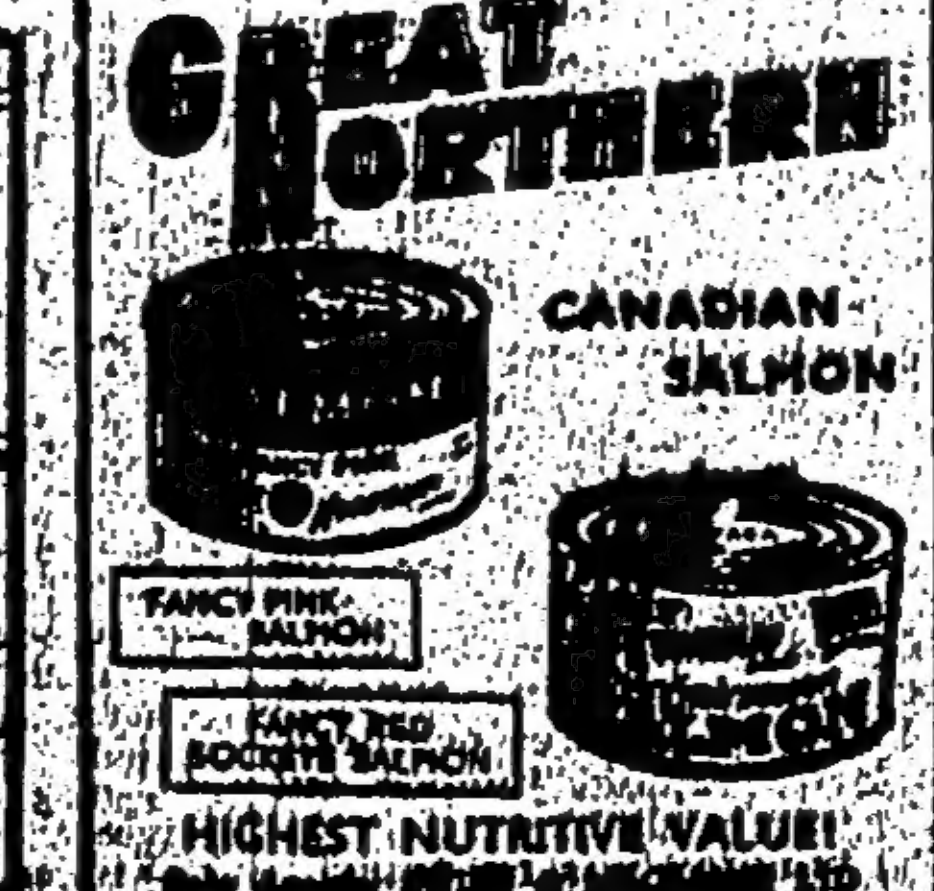
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THE GAMBOLE



Tempest May Be An Early Winner

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

Now that Skindles Hotel has gone to America, there are only three purely sprinter types from the first 12 in the two-year-old free handicap left in training, namely Ennis, Earl Marshal and Dentivate. Military Law and Gaza Time may be brought back to sprinting, but they will undoubtedly both be trained for the Two Thousand Guineas in the hope that they will stay a mile.

Earl Marshal will also be trained for the 2,000 Guineas but, from his pedigree and from the way he ran last year, I cannot see him staying a mile in top class company. He could, however, be a champion sprinter. When he came up for sale as a yearling his breeder was most surprised that there was so little bidding for his colt, who failed to reach his reserve.

He was sold privately a day or two later to Lord Rosebery for 7,000 gns. Earl Marshal's breeder was even more surprised later in the week when another colt also by Court Marshal made 13,000 gns. The breeder of Earl Marshal considered that Earl Marshal was the better individual. The 13,000 gns. colt was later named Tempest and is trained by Captain Boyd-Rochford.

UNLUCKY
So far, Earl Marshal has proved the better buy for he won the July Stakes of almost 2,000 sovereigns, Earl Marshal also ran a very fine race in the Middle Park Stakes though he only finished fifth to Pipe of

Pence, beaten about three lengths.

It may be a little unfair to compare his record with Tempest at this early stage for Tempest made only one appearance on the racecourse. That was in the Duke of Edinburgh Stakes run at Kempton and Tempest was beaten a neck by the much more experienced Arctic Flower who had been a Goodwood winner.

Indeed, Tempest appeared a most unlikely loser and it was only his experience which brought about his defeat. Tempest is far more stoutly bred than Earl Marshal for his dam, Squall, won the Lingfield Oaks Trial Stakes over a mile and a half.

There is no lack of stamina in her whole female ancestry and in spite of his sire being Court Marshal, Tempest could stay up to a mile and a half. He is certainly a colt of much promise and I expect Tempest to prove one of the earliest winners in the Boyd-Rochford string.

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Billy Walker Won't Quit Managership Of Nottingham Forest

By STANLEY MATTHEWS

"Me retiring? Not on your life. This job doesn't worry me. In fact, I love it." There you have Billy Walker's answer to stories that he is quitting the managership of Nottingham Forest.

Far from quitting, Billy tells me he is in the middle of a big promotion drive.

He is out to get Forest back in the First Division for the first time since 1923.

"That's my great ambition, Stan," he told me. "I've been manager here for 18 years and I've had my disappointments. Four times in the last five years we have been in the running for promotion... and four times my hopes have been dashed. But now I think we have a real chance."

Billy, of course, was a fabulous figure in an era when great players were almost ten a penny.

FAVOURITE TEAM
I can remember when Aston Villa were every schoolboy's favourite team and Billy Walker the idol of crowds all over the country.

I can remember the rancorous soccer with the knock knees. Old timers used to say it was a mystery how he ever managed to walk—but run he did with the ball glued to his foot.

A wonderful player was Billy... 18 times an international and captain of England. His playing career ended in 1933 when he left Aston Villa—his only club—to manage Sheffield Wednesday. Six years later he joined Forest and has been there ever since.

When he was manager of Sheffield Wednesday Billy gave all his players a membership card which had 14 golden rules. They told the players to "study the game—it pays... to be a good loser... play always for your side and not for yourself... you can never learn too much..."

Billy may have forgotten that membership card by now, but I guess he still remembers and carries out every one of those rules.

I like his rule No. 4... "A footballer's career is as long as he likes to make it." That is my theory too.

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BILLY WRIGHT ON STAN v. ALEC

Matthews Is Still Improving At 42

By BILLY WRIGHT, Wolves and England captain

STANLEY MATTHEWS v. ALEC JACKSON... Interesting to read the comparisons made by soccer fans. And although I can't discuss Jackson with authority—his record shows he must have been great—I can tell you something about Matthews. It's this: at 42, Stanley Matthews is IMPROVING.

Don't get me wrong, you Blackpool fans! I'm just saying, as professional footballers all over the country are saying, that Matthews really does improve each year his pension draws nearer.

This is how I see Matthews' career—
When I first played with him I admired his play very much. When I played behind him in the England team Stanley clearly deserved the "genius" tags lavished upon him.

And when I play against him with Blackpool today, watching him walk round youngsters half his age and paring with his ball quicker, I know his game has reached a new peak.

MATTHEWS ON JACKSON?
I only know Stanley has fully justified the title of Maestro of World Soccer.

HIS SECRET
Alec Govan, the Birmingham City left-winger, surprises defenders with his ability to score goals so consistently. And after playing against him the other week I think I know the secret of his success.

Alec is one step ahead of the defence he is trying to crack. All the time he is watching

the ball, anticipating the next move, and moving before his attack starts.

Alec's uncanny anticipation gives him a tremendous start over defenders.

Yes, Alec Govan is a thinking footballer. So is my colleague Harry Hooper, who did so well in the "B" International.

Harry is quiet and unassuming, but since coming to Molineux he has joined wholeheartedly into our football discussions and this has played a big part in his advance.

DON'T SWITCH
Harry Hooper is one of soccer's penalty kings. Another is Tommy Hamner of the Spurs.

The other Saturday Tommy scored against Sunderland from the spot after two previous misses.

Alec, of which proves my point that even if a penalty expert misses one or two, you should never take away his job. On a long-term basis he will multiply the goals.

Many footballers disagree with me on this point, including Newcastle's Jackie Milburn—himself a penalty expert.

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Let The Pools Help: Soccer Must Copy Continental Ideas

By JIMMY GUTHRIE

The two worst deals in the world of British sport are to the League footballer and to the beleaguered fan. Players are not paid enough, fans are not looked after enough. So I am going to suggest a New Deal for both.

League and club bosses ask: "Where is all the cash to come from? Most clubs are 'in the red' already."

The cash would not come from the fan nor from already low club coffers. It would come from football pools.

I think the pools should give cash to League Soccer. I think they should farm back some of their fat profits into the game that is their very existence.

The pools boys will reply that the League "missed the boat" in 1939 when they offered the League £250,000 a year and were turned down.

Charles Sutcliffe, then President of the League, swayed the club chiefs to get a narrow "no" majority.

The clubs chorused: "None of your tainted money for us and the Government has since grabbed to the tune of more than £20 million a year!"

If the clubs had taken the pools gift-offer, that £250,000 a year would have meant in the 20 years magnificent new stadiums for every League club.

MISSED OUT
The League missed out with the commercial pools, so I say the League must create its own National Soccer Pool.

The League could either negotiate with the commercial pools to deal them in or go

ahead and function in direct competition.

And I'm sure Soccer fans would patronise a pool run for the direct benefit of Soccer.

The first job would fall to Arthur Drewry, Sir Stanley Rous, and their FA Council. They must create or amend their rule which says no member of a League club or the FA must indulge in so-naughty gambling.

Their rule is outdated. This is 1957. European countries are smart enough to sponsor their football from the millions who have fun on the pools. Why should British Soccer lag behind?

The vast and beautiful stadium at Basel, where the last World Cup competition was staged, was built from pools funds. Arsenal were wide-eyed in Germany last year at stadiums built the pools way.

That's how to get the cash. Now to New Deals for footballers and fans.

Players' Contracts.—Remove the maximum wage. There is no maximum in Scotland. Are English bosses too proud to learn from their Scottish counterparts?

Contracts are set for one year only. Make it possible for a player to sign for as long as he and the club want.

Retain-and-transfer system.—I will compromise with the dictators here. I'll forget the "no retaining at all costs" idea for a ruling that clubs are not allowed to retain a player unless he is offered the same or a higher wage.

This would prevent players leaping on the transfer list without wages. It would be fair to player and club.

Benefits.—These should not be limited to a £750 maximum. Insurance. The League should join the FA and the Players' Union in providing adequate insurance for players disabled in the game.

Match fee and bonus.—Bilbao were reputedly on a £200 win bonus in their European Cup tie with Manchester United. The United players got a £3 fee and £3 bonus.

I say these should be a minimum fee and bonus. Let clubs reward players as they see fit. New Deal for fans. Seating accommodation (amount and quality) and refreshment (quality and service) are among the things which require quick attention by the clubs.

Going to a Soccer match must be made less like attending a ploughing match and more like going to a good-class theatre.

Let clubs charge what they like at the gate. Standards of play and amenities would soon fix prices at a realistic level.

MY DREAM

I dream of the day when League clubs will be social centres seven days a week—when mum, dad, and all the kids can go to the local stadium in comfort on a Saturday to watch football, and can also enjoy other activities there during the week.

This is the idea on the Continent. Youngsters know their local stadiums like their own backyards.

This way young Soccer talent automatically is fed into the local clubs.

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AROUND HOLLYWOOD

WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE KIDS IS GOOD FOR THE GROWN-UPS

By RON BURTON

Hollywood. Show business veterans think rock 'n' roll is going to be with us for quite some time, according to Al Ritz, who is one-third of the Ritz brothers comedy team.

Ritz said he has been involved in many discussions of the controversial type of popular music. The summation has convinced him that it has merit and permanence. Furthermore, he added, Liberace agrees with him.

"This is the greatest song and dance development since the shimmy and the Charleston," Ritz said. "It combines the finer features of both those earlier dances, and we may as well join the movement, because rock 'n' roll will be the swing and sway for quite a while."

Ritz said he and his brothers are showing their faith in rock 'n' roll by introducing an Elvis Presley-ish number in their act.

Ritz said he had a chat with Liberace about the pros and cons of rock 'n' roll. Liberace was all for it.

"Those who condemn rock 'n' roll are intolerant and unfair to American youth," Liberace was quoted by Ritz. "It's a modern, musical manifestation which is thoroughly American. Those who denounce it are—well, they're just old-fashioned longhairs and jealous huddy-dudes."

"As far as I'm concerned," Ritz commented, "it's a healthy symptom of good youth. What's good for the kids is good for the grown-ups."

EXOTIC BEAUTY

Sex appeal is a matter of communication, and if a woman can communicate, then there's no excuse for her not having such appeal, according to Lita Milan, an exotic beauty who came all the way from Brooklyn.

"I have been told I have sex appeal," she said. "That means to me that every woman has sex appeal but that some of them just aren't communicating it—they aren't projecting."

Milan is a model of projection, as audiences will note in "The Ride Back." Her success in this field prompted her to discuss the plight of her sisters who don't know how to project.

"Every woman must impart an alluring message of sex," she explained. "She must communicate. She must project. It is these alluring messages that the female thrives on, but she should have some regard for subtlety."

BE SUBTLE

"While a girl should be aware to some degree of her own sex appeal, she should pretend not to know it. Knowing yourself seems to me to be most important—as Socrates said quite a while back."

Response to the messages is in the form of attentions from the male, she said. The more subtle the female message, the more interested the response.

"It simply doesn't pay for a woman, no matter how beautiful she is, to strut as if the world should worship her," the actress said. "This will make her turn cold, because a self-centred woman can't maintain for long an illusion of sex."

In the acting end of her life, Miss Milan thinks sex is a fine point which accompanies ability but which can never be a substitute for it.

"The woods are crowded with shapely women," she said. "Ability is harder to find. Sex should be the icing on the cake—the electric impulse that starts an electric motor."

Edgar Bergen says the latest addition to his family of woodenheads had its beginning in a small carved figure which his wife, Frances, bought in a New York store several years ago.

The figure was that of a small hobo. Bergen was so smitten by the little guy that he spent

considerable time tracking down the carver, who made the original. After he had been located, he turned out and painted a dummy head for the ventriloquist which was similar to that of the smaller figure.

"He'll be no ordinary tramp but a snobbish sort of fellow," Bergen said. "He'll winter in Florida. He'll consider himself rather grand. Oh, there'll be a few protruding veins from over-indulgence—but he'll be a happy soul with no worries."

ANOTHER NEW ONE

The actual public introduction of the little tramp will be on Bergen's CBS-TV show, "Do You Trust Your Wife?" He also may then introduce a fifth character to add to Charlie McCarthy, Mortimer Snerd, Emil Klinker and the tramp.

This will be a Swedish sex captain who has been in and out of Bergen's mind for years and years.

"I've been thinking about him," Bergen said. "I first made a tape of his voice which I played for 10 Disney artists who made drawings of the face that seemed to go with the voice. Then I had a 'mould made' of the head I chose, and a Swedish woodcarver came up with a beauty."

Bergen hopes his new additions will go over. If they do, credit will go to his wife for the tramp and to him for the captain.

"It's nice that the idea suggested by Frances will be presented on one certain show," he pointed out. "You bet I trust my wife's judgment."

SHOP TALK

It may not be news when public and parochial school groups endorse a film rather than condemn one, but that's what happened to "Cinema Holiday." This widescreen travel film was praised by the groups whose students in elementary and high schools have worked out an agreement locally to see it. The theatre that shows the film in Hollywood has a special performance on Saturday mornings during school season. An estimated 165,000 students from Southern California and Arizona have seen the film at the local theatre under the arrangement.

Fashion note: Leslie Caron will appear as a French girl. Mitzel Gaynor as an American girl and an as-yet-unsigned actress as an English girl in MGM's "Les Girls." However, there will be no clues as to their nationality in their clothing.

Designer Orry-Kelly explained: "Fashion these days is too universal."

TOO MUCH WEIGHT

Bob Hope says he had to drop from 180 down to 168 pounds to squeeze into a wardrobe for his role of New York's late playboy mayor, Jimmy Walker, Hollywood haberdasher Sy Devore duplicated Walker's

wardrobe for the film, "Beau James," and then Hope discovered he was pulling too much weight. "I had to lose weight as it was going out of style," he said.

Language notes: The name of the film about the American volunteer aviation unit in World War I has been changed from "C'est La Guerre" to "Lafayette Escadrille." And Irish-born actor Sean McClory, the heavy in Columbia's "The Guns of Fort Petticoat," baffled Indian conscious natives while on location in Arizona. He signs his name as a matter of course in Gaelic.

Walt Disney's latest plans for his captivated audience—the nation's children—include a 1957 screen version of the Victor Herbert musical, "Babes in Toyland." Disney said the high-budget Technicolor fantasy would be written by Sally Benson, whose credits include "Junior Miss" and collaboration on "Anna and the King of Siam."—United Press.

CRICKET DANCE

A dance to raise funds for the forthcoming cricket tour of Malaya will be held at the

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- 1 Turn of a wheel?
- 2 Kingdom
- 3 Cuts paper
- 4 This theatre?
- 5 European state
- 6 European city
- 7 Relaxed
- 8 Melody
- 9 Grand race
- 10 European capital
- 11 Mediterranean port
- 12 Ordinance
- 13 National song

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Filling In Time

BRUCE is 59, and his working days are over. Upon that the doctors insisted and Bruce, after the long months he had spent in hospital, could not question their verdict, though he took it hard.

He remembered with wry unbelief days when in his youth as an office junior he had coveted leisure as something infinitely desirable, and as did all his contemporaries, at the discipline imposed by the need to earn a living.

SURPLUS STOCK
NOW, when he should have been in his prime, he looked with longing and envy at his friends as they left for work from their homes in the suburb where he lived.

The other day Bruce had an idea. At his house was a pile of surplus, India-rubbers and other desk-top accessories that he had once acquired in the course of business—surplus stock for which, as things turned out, he had never found a use. On a pleasant morning Bruce gathered up the goods and taking a folding card-table to use as a counter, set off for the West End to sell them in the street.

IT DIDN'T REALISE
His sales-talk was evidently compelling, for a crowd was soon gathered about him. Before he had got his second wind he was arrested for causing obstruction on the footway.

Next morning Bruce, a soberly managerial looking man, quipped with the bird-bright barrow boys outside the court-room at Bow Street, and when he reached the dock he pleaded guilty to the charge.

"I didn't realise I was doing wrong," he said, and told Mr. Gerald Reed, the magistrate, about his illness.

He was discharged conditionally, and went slowly and heavily away into the town where office workers were hurrying to luncheon and dreaming of one day winning their freedom to call their time their own.

Mail Notices
The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O., Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

**Couple Held Up
By Four Men**
A Chinese male and his woman companion were walking along Glenelg near the Botanical Gardens at about 8.40 p.m. yesterday when they were stopped by four men, one of whom claimed he was a police officer and demanded that the man submit to a search. During the search cash and other property to the value of \$203 were stolen from the man. The thieves escaped.

SAIL ON LEAVE
Mr. C. Cairns acting Assistant Director of Marine (Port Control), and Mrs. Cairns sailed in the RMS. Canton for the United Kingdom on leave today. They are expected to return in November.

Women Victimised
A Chinese woman had a wallet stolen from her whilst walking in Chung Yung Street, in the Bay View District yesterday morning. A sum of \$2 was stolen from the pocket of another woman outside the Pelho Theatre in Kowloon in the afternoon.

Suspects have been detained in both cases.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

AIRLINE OFFICIALS GET A SHOCK

From H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Feb. 20.

At a time when world travel experts see jets bringing a constant stream of tourists to this country, airline officials received a shock this week when the Civil Aviation Department closed the aerodrome at Coff's Harbour (on the north coast of NSW) to Viscount aircraft because they were cracking the sealed surface of the runway.

The Department also hinted at banning Viscounts from the important centres of Parkes, Dubbo, Broken Hill and Bourke.

The Department's excuse that none of these airports was designed to take heavy Viscount aircraft seems extremely weak. It could also be said that Kingsford Smith Airport was not designed to take the international aircraft of today or the 70-ton Britannia which arrived here on proven flight on Saturday.

Aircraft today are vital necessities for Australia's outback area and airline companies which foot the huge bills for modern planes should have reason to believe that the Civil Aviation Department will keep its word with the progress by having the airfields capable of taking the planes.

It is also strange that a spokesman in the Civil Aviation Department should say that his department is not convinced that the economics of air transport were best served by adopting the Viscount as the standard type when considering country airport construction. It seems more reasonable to assume that the companies that pay for the planes should be the best judges of the economy involved.

"SECOND RATE"
Australia's hotels have taken another battering from travel experts. This time the proprietor of one of the big luxury hotels, Mr. R. K. Kemball, described his accommodation as "second rate". He said that if Sydney, Auckland, and Suva are to become ports of entry for thousands of tourists who will be arriving in jet planes in the future, they would have to "pull up their socks".

He classifies Sydney's best hotels as second rate by world standards, but says the pill by calling hotel management and staffs "delightful".

Mr. Kemball may have been interested in the announcement made in Sydney for two years ago, a subsidiary of Pan American Airways, proposes to build a 24-million hotel in Melbourne and Sydney and another one in Auckland, where the figure is not mentioned.

The first of the hotels is to be built in Melbourne, up to 16 stories high, with 500 bedrooms; the second is to be at Auckland and Sydney will bring up the rear.

The Corporation has been looking for land to build the hotel in Sydney for two years but so far has not hit upon the site it needs.

MEAT THIEVES
Chairman of the Metropolitan Meat Industry Board, Mr. T. M. McGrath, has revealed thefts of meat from the State-owned Homebush Abattoirs, which makes the normal operator appear a mere novice.

In six months, said Mr. McGrath, 9,900 sets of brains, 4,912 livers, 28 tongues, 57 carcasses and 75 heads disappeared. Whole bodies of beef had also been taken from the Meat Hall and steel plates, wheels, copper, fans, clocks and other equipment running into thousands of pounds have vanished.

For uncomfatable thieving we commend the employee whom Mr. McGrath said had nine livers hidden in his trousers, which were filed at the bottom, and six in his gum-boots.

And while on the question of confidence men: There was a grin in the instance at the Bear Hotel at the King Kong—Prima Carnera wrestle last week when confidence men established themselves at one opening in the fence, called themselves attendants, briskly took admission tickets from the customers and a few minutes later sold them elsewhere at increased prices.

A COLD MINE
For a number of years non-proprietary clubs throughout NSW had turned in magnificent yearly balances, most of which came from a gambling device known as poker machines. Never legal, they were tolerated by the Government but 12 months ago there were serious

rumbblings that they were to be banned.

Following increasing pressure from clubs, however, the Government, seven months ago, legalised the machines by imposing a licensing fee.

Now the Premier and Treasurer, Mr. Cahill, must be wondering why he did not wake up to this amazingly successful money raising idea many years ago.

In this seven months of licensing, the machines have returned to the Government £700,000 in fees, and the Chief Secretary, Mr. Kelly, who has the happy job of keeping an eye on this department says he is confident that the earning rate of about £100,000 per month will increase.

There are 905 clubs in which these machines shake, rattle and roll and they have between them 1758 2/- machines, 2136 1/- machines and 1283 six-pennies.

INGENIOUS
Poker machines are an ingenious collection of wheels, springs, and coils which are released by inserting a coin (2/-, 1/- or 6d.) and pulling a handle.

For instance, two 10's and a nine will pay five, either five 2/-, five 1/- or five 6d. Three jacks will pay 10. But the ultimate is three aces for which most clubs pay £12 on a 2/- machine and proportionally down for the others.

You can take it of course, that acquiring three aces is an achievement very much like parking in Sydney without being booked, and to our certain knowledge we would say that the only ones to hit the jackpot perpetually from these poker machines is the Government.

POOR TAXPAYER
It came as something of a shock for tram and train travellers, not yet recovered from the last slug in fares, to discover that the latest inquiry into the public transport will cost the Government not less than £100,000.

Six experts from the American firm of Ebasco have been probing NSW Railway and Tramway department for five months and has resulted in a constant moving of these experts between America and Sydney.

There is yet no indication when their report will be furnished. Maybe when it is it will contain valuable hints of how to stop the rot in NSW transport, but people still have in mind the fact that this is the sixth expensive inquiry conducted by the Government and after them the losses have gone from bad to worse with service deteriorating on much the same plain.

FISHING DISPUTE
The Amadua put to sea again off NSW south coast last week when there was a fresh outbreak of a long-standing dispute over fishing-ground rights between Australian and Italian trawler crews.

For more than 11 hours six Italian trawlers and 11 Australian trawlers circled each other some miles off-shore while their crews shouted threats and abuse. Word that a sea "battle" was in progress was received at the RAN air station at Nowra, and so convincing was the report that four Sea Furies flew low over the vessels causing them to scatter. Police also stood by on the mainland ready to begin.

The Italians are based at Ulladulla and the Australians at Eden and for a long time now there has been a bitter feeling between the fishermen. The Australians say that the Italians are breaking an unwritten law by trawling southwards.

Police have warned the crews of the trawlers of both nationalities against violence.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"He's going fishing next week on doctor's orders—I hope those poor fish are smart enough to humour him!"

Enchanted By An Exquisite Performance

Last night to the Lee Theatre to see the University Masquers present "Twelfth Night," by William Shakespeare. Quite frankly, I was not expecting much; I felt I had no right to do so for, after all, English is not the mother tongue of the Masquers. I came away as did most of the audience enchanted by an as exquisite a performance as I have seen of this Comedy.

It was not because the cast were word perfect and they were word perfect; it was not that the Masquers were so attractively consumed; nor that their movements were so full of grace; the secret of it all was that they had captured the very spirit of the Elizabethan Stage.

They seemed a happy-go-lucky troupe of players, such as I imagine, stepped upon the Elizabethan stage when this play was new. In its fashion, their performance was a compliment to every Englishman present, an admission, if you like, that Shakespeare is the master dramatist, and that all the world is an Elizabethan nobleman.

It began with a prologue written by Edmund Blunden specially for the occasion, and it was spoken front curtain by Helene Tchou, charmingly dressed as an Elizabethan nobleman.

AUSTERE BEAUTY
Then the curtain rose on a set of austere beauty and we moved into the humour of that "Twelfth Night" tune of the madness of Mischief. Yet never for a moment did the producer permit the fantastic fun of the gulling of Malvolio to overstep the sentimental theme which spreads its way through the lunacy of love.

How could it when cast as Viola was that accomplished young actress, Anne Choy, who spoke her lines with all the delicate nuances the part demands? And expressed with grace and beauty Orsino's (Chew Teik Eng) compliments to Olivia, Viola's innocent rival. Teresa Fung, with elegant charm, played the part of Olivia.

Nor were Sir Toby Belch (Solomon Chiu) and Sir Andrew Aguecheek (Stanley Leung) allowed to run away with the underplot where the importance rests so much upon the part played with bewitching mischievousness by Patricia Janne as Maria.

DIGNIFIED
That abject object of derision, Malvolio, was played by Harman S. Grewal; he gave an excellent dignified performance and brought out his tag line with all the bitterness the shock of his abrupt exit requires. And watching all and missing nothing was the Fool, the wise professional humorist, Feste (Choy Kim Fun) who in his part underlined Shakespeare's dictum that the biggest fools are they who hide their wags on a moon-beam.

The main parts were completed by John Kim, who as Sebastian, adds confusion to this plot of love, lunacy, and deep qualling; and his friend Antonio (Stephen Lo). Incidental to all this charming fantasy was the music arranged by Solomon Bard, and played by a small string orchestra, which he leads. The sets and costumes were designed by Douglas Bland whose conception of this particular performance was admirable.

APPEAL AGAINST MURDER CONVICTIONS

EVIDENCE INADMISSIBLE ARGUES COUNSEL

Further argument in the appeal of four Chinese convicted of the murder of Mrs Ursula Margareta Ernst, wife of a Chancellor of the Swiss Consulate, in the Kowloon riots, continued this morning before the Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan, and Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg on the Full Court.

The men were sentenced to death by Mr Justice A. D. Scholles in January after a jury found them guilty of murder. Originally five men, including the four appellants were on trial, but the fifth accused person was found not guilty and discharged. Mrs Ernst died of burns two days after the taxi in which she and her husband were travelling was overturned and set on fire by a mob at the junction of Tai Po Road and Castle Peak Road on the afternoon of October 11 last year, during the Kowloon riots. Mr Ernst was also burned.

The four appellants are Tso Sang, alias Li Fuk, 28, unemployed; Choi Kwok-fai, 27, unemployed; Li Chuen, 21, hawker; and Lee Shui-wing, 20, earth cooler.

First, third and fourth appellants are represented by Mr Terence Shurlock, and Mr Hu Hing-lick appears for the second appellant, both on the instructions of Messrs Peter Mo and Company.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, appears for the Crown (respondents), assisted by Mr W. B. Scragg, Superintendent of Police.

THIRD GROUND
Mr Shurlock dealt with his third ground of appeal that the trial judge wrongly admitted evidence of an allegedly similar act—the burning of two motor cycles—subsequent to the act charged as showing system.

He submitted that the judge should have read the depositions beforehand to decide whether or not the evidence was admissible in the first place, because if it was admitted wrongly then great prejudice would be done to the accused which was not easily remedied. If the judge, after reading the depositions, did not consider the evidence which was to be adduced was sufficient, then he himself should prevent the prosecution from adducing it at the trial. Once he had admitted such evidence and then found it insufficient, it was his duty to warn the jury to reject it.

Mr Shurlock agreed that there was nothing on the record to show that he, at the trial, objected to this evidence of the burning of the two motor cycles after the burning of the two cycles, but this did not exempt the judge from doing his duty, he argued.

"FILMSY" EVIDENCE
He called the evidence on this matter "as filmsy as anything could wish," "most improbable and fantastic," "most incredible and fantastic." He said the evidence was so over-the-top that it was wholly inadequate.

Mr Shurlock submitted that evidence of system, unless absolutely cogent, would create such prejudice as would be very difficult to remedy, and the law would rather that such evidence should not be admitted at all, than that the accused should be prejudiced.

The prosecution had alleged that the murder of Mrs Ernst was the result of a common design of the four appellants. Therefore, if the prosecution were to bring evidence of system, that evidence must be applicable to all four appellants and must also be part and parcel of that common design. Counsel submitted.

PREJUDICIAL
He said that the evidence of the witness about the burning of the motor cycles related only to the first and second appellants and the man who was subsequently discharged, but it did not show the part played by the other accused in the system. Nevertheless if this evidence were wrongly admitted it would still prejudice even the third and fourth appellants.

Mr Shurlock argued that before evidence of system could be adduced there must be prima facie proof of the main act, which, in the present case, was murder. And there must be connection of the parties implicated. He submitted that at the stage of the trial when the evidence of the burning of the motor cycles was adduced, there might have been prima facie evidence that a murder had been committed, but most certainly there was no prima facie evidence that the accused were the persons who had committed the murder, because there followed three more identifying witnesses including a witness who testified that one of the accused actually set the taxi alight, which was evidence of the

highest importance. Therefore at this stage a prima facie case had not been made out against the five accused.

Therefore, if at this stage prima facie evidence of the main crime had not been adduced, the trial judge would be justified in withdrawing the case from the jury, Mr Shurlock contended.

He declared that at this stage there was no prima facie proof of the main act and no prima facie evidence implicating the five accused with the main act.

Moreover the main act charged was murder, a felony. The subsequent act which had been adduced in evidence was malicious damage, a misdemeanour, a total dismissal offence, Mr Shurlock added.

He submitted that in no circumstances whatsoever should this evidence of the burning of the motor-cycles ever have been admitted in evidence. "It completely offends the principles of English criminal law," he declared.

Hearing is proceeding.

DEFENCE QUESTIONS PC ON COURT STATEMENT

Queries regarding a statement made by him during committal proceedings were put to a constable this morning at the trial of 19 young men charged with rioting at Tuen Wan.

The witness, PC 1845, Ng Wai-man, was questioned by the Defence on the remark attributed to him that he knew there were living quarters inside the South Textile Factory.

The accused are on trial before Mr Justice C. W. Recco and a Special Jury.

They are Wong Shek-chun, Leung Yut, Chung Shek-shan, Lau Wai-keung, Yuen Wing-sun, Ko Pui-kong, Yiu Chung-fai, Chung Yuen-pak, Lam Pui-tao, Mau Kam-keung, Cheung Yiu-yin, Leung Cheung, Yip Kam-hung, Chiu Sung-fung, Chung Hung, Leung Chung, Tang Yiu-ming, Chiu Noi and Chan Sal-hung.

The first 15 are charged with rioting outside the South Textiles Factory on October 11. All the accused, except the 12th, are charged with rioting outside the Pao Hsing cotton mills on October 11.

The first six are charged with rioting outside the Tuen Wan Police Station on October 12.

The 15th and 16th accused are charged with rioting outside the South Textiles Factory on October 12.

The 17th and 18th are charged with rioting outside the Kowloon Textiles Corporation Factory on October 12.

Mr W. S. Collier and Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting, assisted by Mr M. O'Brien, Assistant Superintendent of Police.

THE EVIDENCE
PC Ng Wai-man gave evidence that he was in the Tuen Wan party which went to the South Textiles Factory on October 11. A large and unruly crowd blocked the road. Flags, poles and whistles were being carried by people in the crowd.

The crowd was told to disperse, but they did not do so. Witness said he heard someone among the crowd say, among other things, "it is our business, it is nothing to do with the Police." It is a matter between us and the mill authorities. They have closed the mill doors and we have no home to go to."

Witness identified first, second, fifth, 11th and 12th accused as having been in the mob. First accused was blowing a whistle and urging the crowd to go away, saying, "The Police will not open fire on us."

CROSS-EXAMINED
Cross-examined, witness said that before October 11, he had never any occasion to enter the South Textiles Factory. At times, in the course of his duty, he went and put his name on the Police book outside, but after doing so he never remained around to chat, or anything of that sort.

Mr D'Alton told Ng that two of the accused whom he had identified had said he went there to chat and play chess sometimes. Witness denied that saying he did not know any of the accused.

Counsel said a witness had said first accused carried a stick; another had said he had a whistle. Asked if his version was right, witness said it was.

NEVER WENT IN
Mr D'Alton asked Ng if he remembered the Magistrate in the lower Court, asking him about a factory and he replying that he was acquainted with it, and that that factory had sleeping quarters in it.

Witness said he could not remember that question being put to him by the Magistrate.

Vagrant Ordered To Be Detained

A young British merchant seaman, who had spent most of the time in prison during his ten months' stay in the Colony, was this morning ordered by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central to be held in the detention house for seven days pending arrangements for his repatriation to the United Kingdom.

Daniel Southworth, 20, of Manchester, who appeared before Mr Lo on a charge of being an apparent vagrant, had three previous convictions, one of which was for robbery.

Mr Ebbs, of the Marine Department, informed the Court that there were difficulties in the passage for the defendant to return home, although 12 ships would be leaving for the United Kingdom next month.

Mr Ebbs said he needed a month to make arrangements for the defendant to get a ship home.

A Police officer, who applied for the defendant's being detained in a detention house, told the Court that on April 26, last year, the defendant missed his ship, the *Thalamos*, of which he was a crew member.

ROBBED DRIVER
On April 30, he was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment for negligently remaining in the Colony after the departure of the ship. On his discharge from prison he was accommodated at the Missions to Seamen in Wanchai pending his repatriation to the United Kingdom or waiting the chance to get a job on another vessel.

On June 14 he was convicted for robbing a taxi driver in Wanchai and sentenced to one year's imprisonment. He was discharged from prison on January 17 this year, and again accommodated in the Missions to Seamen.

On January 20 he was convicted for causing malicious damage to the hostel of the Missions to Seamen and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

The Police officer said on his release from prison on Monday, the defendant was attacked by Police for being an apparent vagrant.

The officer informed the Court that the defendant had neither relatives nor friends in the Colony, and he had no money or prospects of employment.